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Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne drives a tractor with instruction from farmer Sandra Vos at a campaign event in Paris, Ont., on Tuesday. Shortly after, the Progressive Conservatives sent out a news release saying Wynne "set a very bad example," citing tractor-safety guidelines that say drivers should not have any passengers. Then Twitter happened. Various users posted a similar photo of PC Leader Tim Hudak sitting on a blue tractor, with another man standing next to him, at an event last year. Story, page 5.

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Deadly blasts strike Nigeria

More than a hundred killed as two car bombs explode at a busy bus terminal and market in the central Nigerian city of Jos PAGE 7

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Most interns are women, unpaid

Upcoming study. Canadian researchers explore internships

Preliminary findings from a forthcoming study on internships in Canada show that the majority of interns are young women who make less than the provincial minimum wage — if they're paid at all.

The study, to be released soon by two researchers at the University of Victoria and the Canadian Intern Association, is aimed at determining the scope of unpaid internships in Canada amid a growing uproar.

Saskatchewan and Ontario recently cracked down on unpaid internships, while Alberta is facing calls to do the same.

The majority of the internships are in Ontario and are most common in the private sector, where 49 per cent of respondents said they worked. Public and non-profit sectors made up the difference at 26 and 25 per cent respectively.

Forty-one per cent of respondents reported working for entertainment, media and journalism companies. Some 15 per cent said they were hired at marketing, public relations and advertising firms.

Most of the interns who participated were female, given many of the industries routinely using them are female-dominated, said Claire Seaborn, head of the Canadian Intern Association.

"It just means a 22- or 23-year-old female is a lot less likely to be paid in their first few jobs than a young male. That's really problematic."

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At a glance

- The study is based on a survey of 300 people from across Canada, with the majority in Ontario and the Toronto area.
- 70 to 80 per cent of respondents were women.
- A "disproportionate number" of respondents had parents who earned more than $200,000 per year.

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Fighting For(d) integrity

Toronto's integrity commissioner wants incoming members of city council to sign a pledge "solemnly" declaring that they have read the official code of conduct — and won't violate it.

Mayor Rob Ford testified in a 2012 conflict of interest trial that he had never read the handbook the city gives members of council at the beginning of each term. Ford has breached the conduct code on several occasions.

The new pledge "will demonstrate to the public that all members are expected to know and abide by the code of conduct," integrity commissioner Janet Leiper wrote in her report.

Leiper also recommended a change to the code that would permit council to force a member to pay back improper gifts or donations that were not given directly to them. Ford won the conflict of interest case, on appeal, when a court ruled that council did not have the power to force Ford to reimburse lobbyists who donated to his football foundation.

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New code of conduct?

Incoming members already swear an oath in which they declare, among other things, that they will disclose conflicts and bear allegiance to the Queen. The new pledge would not come with any new penalties; code violators are already subject to a reprimand or a temporary suspension of pay, sanctions some councillors say are inadequate for serious and serial scofflaws.

Defamation lawsuit. Judge wrong to side with Ford?

A Court of Appeal panel must soon decide whether a judge was wrong to side with Rob Ford in a defamation lawsuit against him.

Restaurateur George Foulidis is appealing the ruling that found Ford did not defame him during the 2010 mayoral campaign. If successful, he could recoup as much as $40,000 from Ford and councillor candidate Bruce Baker. Foulidis sued both men — in Ford's case, for $6 million — after comments each made about a deal between the city and Foulidis' company for a sole-sourced, 20-year contract to lease what was then known as the Boardwalk Café in the Beach. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

'Corruption'

During his campaign for mayor, Ford told the Toronto Sun's editorial board that the deal "stinks to high heaven" and raised concerns about "corruption."

Nothing says summer like ...

Roadway construction. Sections of the Gardiner, Lake Shore Blvd., will be closed for repairs until at least mid-July for the Pan Am Games next summer

Navigating rush-hour traffic in Toronto can be a nightmare, so brace yourself: It's about to get worse.

Sections of the Gardiner Expressway have already been blocked off for a series of long-term repair projects, but alternating lane closures will also take place on Lake Shore Blvd. starting Wednesday.

The city announced Tuesday that lanes will be closed intermittently so repairs can be done before the Pan Am Games next summer — work that had been scheduled prior to the urgent repairs now underway on the parallel Gardiner, which has been forcing some traffic onto Lake Shore. Daytime construction is expected to last until mid-July.

Sections from Yonge St. to west of Rees St., Bathurst St. to British Columbia Rd., and Parkside Dr. to Windermere Ave., will all experience periodic westbound lane closures between 6 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

The section between British Columbia Rd. and Lower Spadina Ave. will also have intermittent eastbound lane closures from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. The contractor will be working occasional evenings and weekends to expedite completion of the project.

Overnight closures on Lake Shore will follow in July, once utility work is complete.

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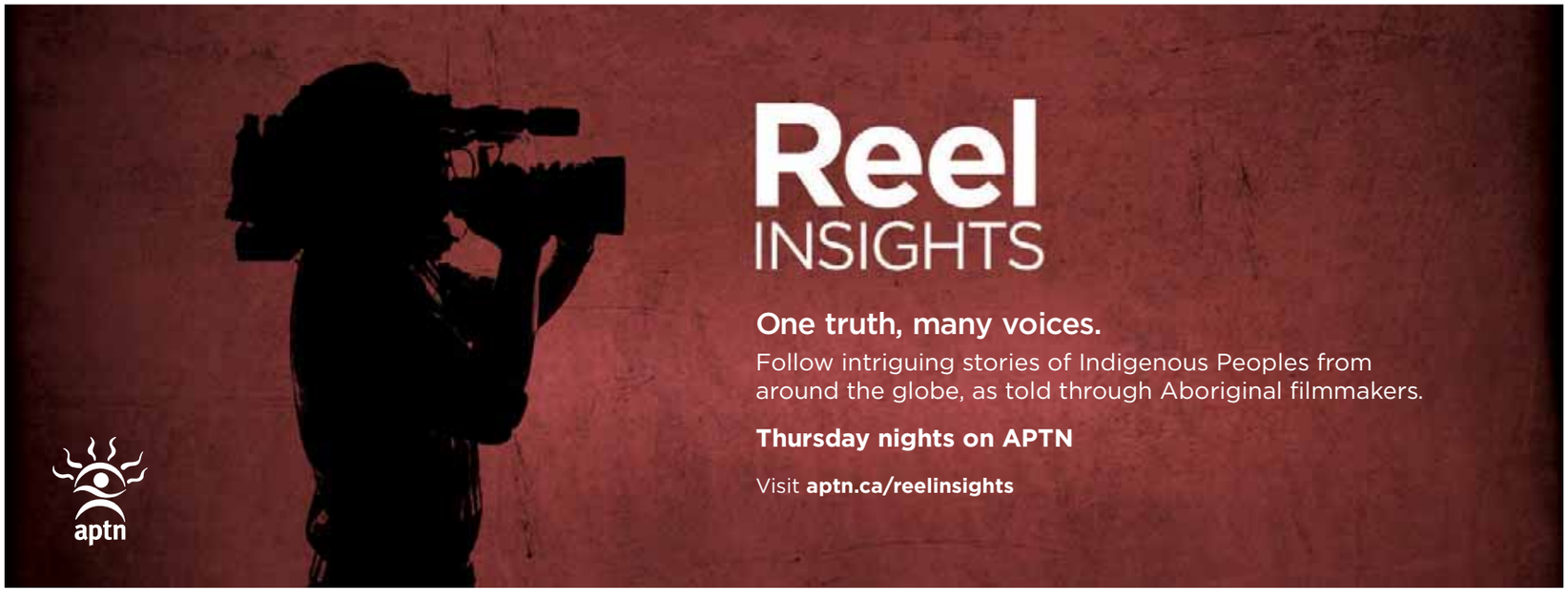
The Gardiner Expressway is gridlocked near Parklawn earlier this week — a sign of things to come as the city repairs roads ahead of next year's Pan Am Games. COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE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Trial. Crown alleges man scattered ex-girlfriend's remains to hide murder

A Toronto man killed his ex-girlfriend in his home, then methodically carved up her body and scattered her remains in an effort to cover up his gruesome crime, prosecutors alleged in the first day of his murder trial.

Chun Qi Jiang is charged with first-degree murder in the death of 41-year-old Guang Hua Liu, whose body parts were discovered in Toronto and nearby Mississauga days after she vanished in 2012.

Liu came to Canada from China in 2002 and eventually obtained citizenship, court heard. A single mother of three, she met Jiang while working at a factory before starting her own business, a now-defunct spa in the city's east end, the Crown said.

The pair had an "on-and-off" relationship for about four years but were no longer together at the time of her death, Crown lawyer Andrew Falls told a Brampton court on Tuesday.

Quoted

"Mr. Jiang was not happy with (Liu) on Aug. 10. He took her back to his residence and killed her."

Crown lawyer Andrew Falls, in his opening statement to a Brampton court on Tuesday

Liu had recently moved in with her new boyfriend Kenneth Grotsky, though she had another home that she shared with her eldest son, Falls said.

The weekend before her death, she had a fight with Grotsky and went back to her own place, he said.

She invited several friends over — including Jiang — to cheer herself up, the lawyer said. The former couple spent the next two nights together, but then Liu and Grotsky reconciled, he said.

That Friday, Liu made dinner plans with Jiang, Falls said. She was never seen alive again. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Villeneuve pays T.O. a visit

Indy 500 champion and F1 world champion Jacques Villeneuve made an appearance at Hunter's Landing in downtown Toronto on Tuesday to promote the Indy 500 and the Honda Indy race in Toronto in July. The Canadian won the 1995 CART Championship, the 1995 Indianapolis 500 and the 1997 Formula One World Championship. COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Doctors' trial

Similar fact evidence ruled inadmissible

A Toronto judge has ruled out the similar fact evidence of a woman who testified she may have been drugged by one of two doctors now on trial for drugging and sexual assault.

The witness, a 29-year-old woman whose identity is protected by a publication ban, testified last month that she went on a date with Suganthan Kayilasanathan in 2008 and woke up the next morning in his home feeling "nailed to the bed and unable to move."

Superior Court Justice Julie Thorburn said she found the witness to be "honest and forthright," but found too many differences between the accounts of the witness and complainant for the evidence to be included in the trial.

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Firefighters respond to a fire at St. Michael's Hospital on Tuesday. IRENE KUAN/METRO

Hospital blaze

20 trucks sent to battle 3-alarm fire at St. Michael's

More than 80 firefighters and 20 firetrucks were dispatched to St. Michael's Hospital Tuesday afternoon after a three-alarm blaze broke out in a 12th-floor hydro vault around 5:15 p.m.

A hospital spokesperson said that all trauma cases were diverted to other hospitals during the fire, but that otherwise the hospital continued to function normally. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Tories sow trouble with tractor-gate

Premier Kathleen Wynne leaps off a tractor after driving it at a campaign event in Paris, Ont., on Tuesday. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Getting down and dirty. PCs accuse the premier of setting a bad example with her tractor driving, but video and photo footage show Hudak's no model driver either

Premier Kathleen Wynne is facing accusations of dangerous driving — on a tractor.

Wynne was campaigning Tuesday at a farm in southwestern Ontario where she promised new funding for the agriculture sector if the Liberals win the June 12 election.

She drove a blue tractor down a muddy lane on the farm to a waiting bank of journalists and cameras, with farm owner Sandra Vos sitting next to her.

Tractor safety guidelines say drivers should not have any passengers, and not long after Wynne's announcement ended the Progressive Conservatives sent out a news release saying Wynne "set a very bad example."

The Tories, citing Health and Safety Guidelines for Ontario Tobacco Producers, said farm tractors have killed 250 people on Ontario farms in a "recent 15-year period," and many of these deaths were the result of extra passengers falling off.

Many Twitter users posted a similar photo of PC Leader Tim Hudak sitting on a blue tractor — with another man standing next to him.

When asked about the Hudak photo, which was taken last year at an agricultural event, the Tories responded that the tractor in that photo wasn't moving.

However, Wynne's spokesperson later supplied video taken at the event that clearly shows Hudak driving the tractor with a passenger standing beside him.

Liberal campaign co-chair Deb Matthews said she was unaware of the "tractor kerfuffle."

"What I can tell you is that there are really important issues in this election campaign, and I suspect how the premier drives a tractor is not one of those issues," she said.

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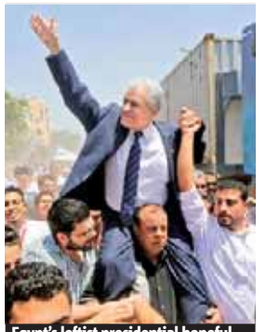

Egypt's leftist presidential hopeful Hamdeen Sabahi. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Egypt's left hopes for youth vote

By far the underdog in Egypt's presidential elections, candidate Hamdeen Sabahi, is trying to rally youth behind him as the hope for the country's pro-democracy "revolution" in his race against the former military chief, who some fear will bring back an autocratic rule.

But the deck is heavily stacked against the 59-year-old leftist politician.

His opponent, retired field marshal Abdel-Fattah el-Sssi, has a tidal wave of support behind him in a country gripped by jingoistic fervour and adulation for the military after his ouster of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi last summer.

TV stations and newspapers are deeply in favour of el-Sissi, treating him with presidential reverence. El-Sissi posters are everywhere in the streets, while Sabahi's are rarely seen.

Sabahi's strategy is to try to overcome widespread calls for a boycott of the vote by young activists who dismiss the May 26-27 election as a farce.

Some among the revolutionary activist groups that led the 2011 mass uprising against Hosni Mubarak are skeptical of Sabahi. But others have rallied to him. According to officials 37 million of Egypt's 53 million voters are 18-40. In 2012 presidential elections, Sabahi made a surprisingly strong third-place showing, garnering nearly 5 million votes.

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A Palestinian man shouts for help moments after teenager, Mohammad Abu Daher, on the ground, was shot to death. MAJDI MOHAMMED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New charges of excessive force used by soldiers

Israel. Security footage first surfaced late Monday when an advocacy group released excerpts

Security-camera video showing two unarmed Palestinians crumpling to the ground during a lull in a stone-throwing clash with Israeli soldiers revived allegations by human rights activists Tuesday that the troops often use excessive force.

The Israeli rights group B'Tselem said the images back its findings that troops killed the teens without cause by firing live rounds from more than 200 metres away. The soldiers were in "zero danger" at the time, said Sarit Michaeli of B'Tselem.

Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Yaalon said, "It was a life-threatening situation, so the officers acted accordingly." He said he hadn't seen the video, but alleged the images had been manipulated through editing. Lt. Col. Peter Lerner, a senior spokesman, said preliminary findings show forces fired only rubber-coated steel pellets, a standard means of crowd control, and did not use live fire.

The United Nations and the U.S. State Department called on the Israeli authorities to conduct a transparent investigation. UN Assistant Secretary-General Oscar Fernandez-Taranco told the Security Council's monthly Mideast briefing: "It is of serious concern that initial information appears to indicate that the two Palestinians killed were both unarmed and appeared to pose no direct threat."

At issue is a clash between Israeli troops and Palestinian stone-throwers May 15 near the West Bank town of Beitouniya, a few hundred meters from an Israeli military base, Ofer.

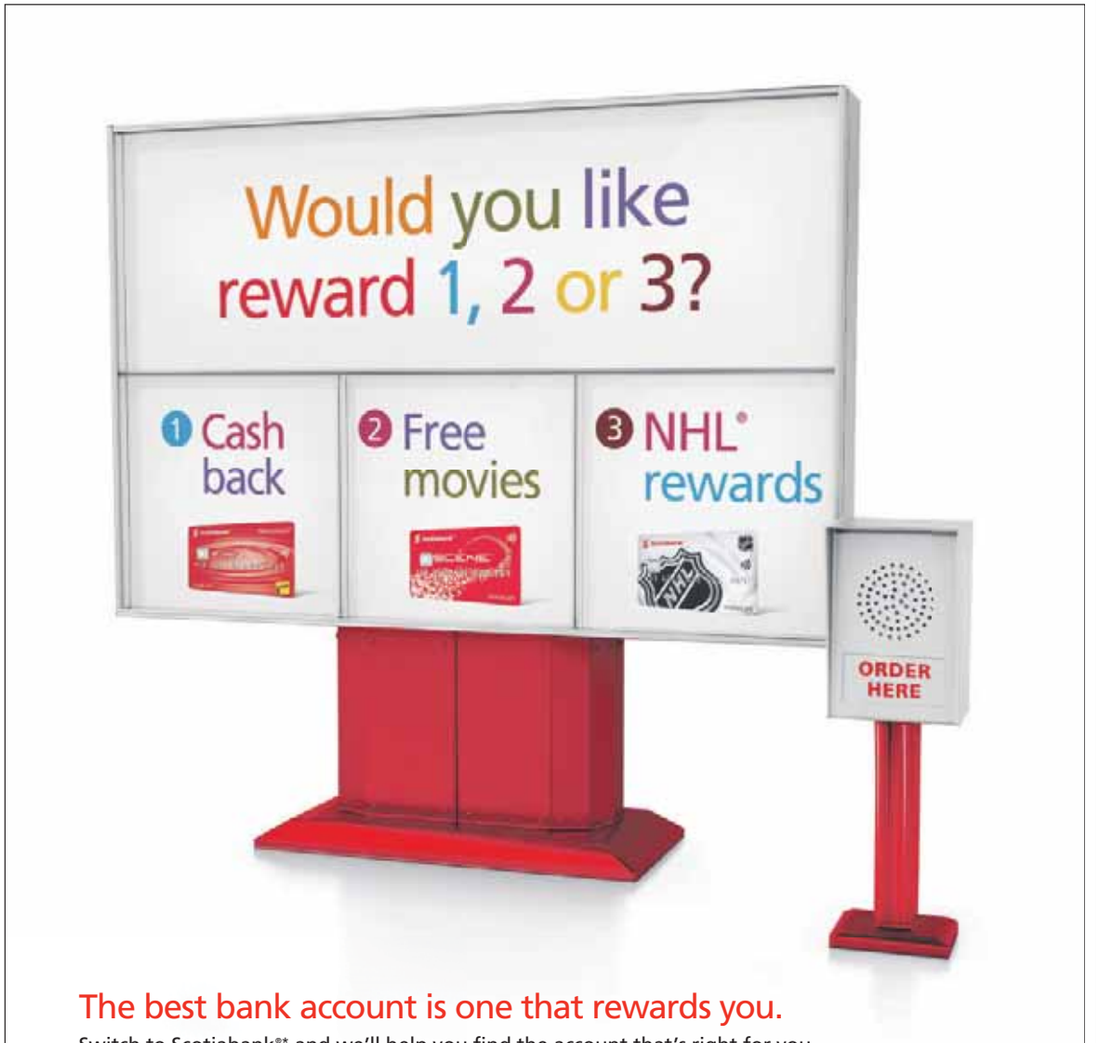
The security footage first surfaced late Monday when a local advocacy group, Defence for Children International Palestine, released excerpts that it said showed the two fatal shootings.

B'Tselem later obtained the unedited footage, which was also given to The Associated Press. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mideast's pain ongoing

Security footage does not show a source of gunfire or a shooter in either incident.

- An AP cameraman who was present during the confrontations said the video is in line with what he witnessed.
- The bodies of the slain teens were taken to Ramallah Hospital. They were identified as Nadim Nawara and Mohammed Abu Dhaher, both 17.
- Emergency doctor Samir Saliba said both were killed by live fire to the upper body.



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Smoke rises after a bomb blast at a bus terminal in Jos, Nigeria, on Tuesday. STEFANOS FOUNDATION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Car bombs kill scores in Nigeria

Twin blasts. Death toll expected to rise beyond the already 118 confirmed dead

Nigeria's emergency agency says twin car bombs that exploded at a bustling bus terminal and market in Nigeria's central city of Jos have killed at least 118 people.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the twin car bombs. But they bore the hallmarks of Boko Haram, the Islamic extremist group that abducted nearly 300 schoolgirls last month and has repeatedly targeted bus stations and other locations where large numbers of people gather in its campaign to impose Islamic law on Nigeria.

The second blast came half an hour after the first, killing some of the rescue workers who had rushed to the scene, which was obscured by billows of black smoke.

Dozens of bodies and body parts were covered in grain that had been loaded in the second car bomb, witnesses said. A Terminus Market official said he helped remove 50 casualties, most of them dead. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not allowed to give information to reporters.

"It's horrifying, terrible," said Mark Lipdo of the Stefanos Foundation, a Christian charity based in Jos, who described the sickening smell of burning human flesh.

A woman's body, her legs blown off and her hand reaching out of the flames, lay on the edge of an inferno consuming other bodies. Another woman, unconscious and wrapped in a brightly colored cloth, was being carried away in a wheelbarrow on a road strewn with glass shards.

Militants' attacks have been coming with increasing frequency despite a year-old military state of emergency in three of Nigeria's states to curtail the uprising.

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Fighting words

"(We are) fully committed to winning the war against terror."

Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan

Uganda

Warlord Kony transfers power to young son

The fugitive African warlord Joseph Kony has handed over command of his group to one of his sons, a Ugandan military official said on Tuesday, an elevation that further marginalizes senior commanders who may threaten Kony's fading authority.

Salim Saleh was born in the 1990s, has spent all his life in the bush and is said to be as ruthless as Kony. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Boko Haram. Expert says West is 'late' in fight against terror group

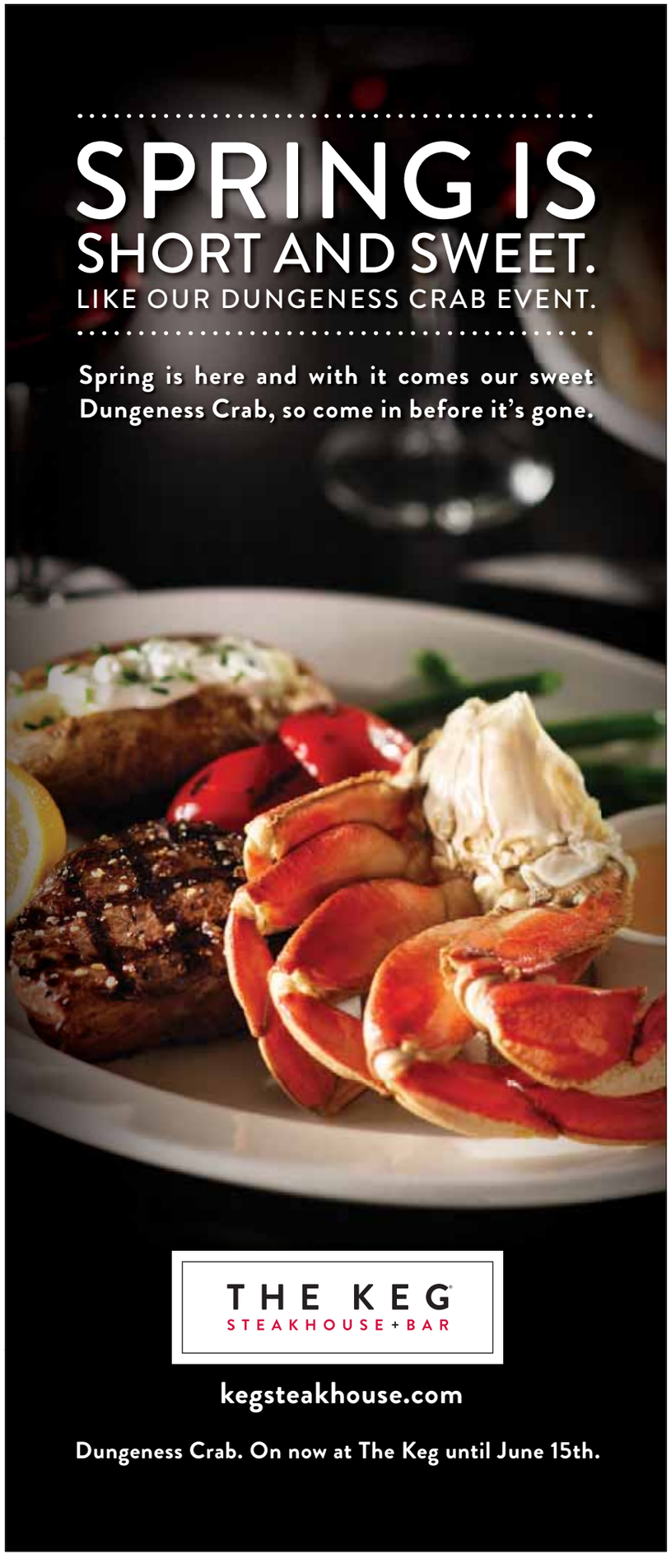
A terrorism expert says western nations, including Canada, are coming late to the game in confronting the extremist group that's seized nearly 300 teenage girls in Nigeria.

The U.S., Britain, Canada, France, Israel and China have all sent teams to the western African country, which has been locked in a deadly struggle with al-Qaida-affiliated Boko Haram for almost a dozen years.

Wesley Wark, one of Canada's foremost experts on international and domestic terrorism, says the recent kidnapping has given the group an international platform and perhaps more notoriety than it deserves.

Washington has acknowledged that it is providing intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance support in an international effort to free the girls.

Wark says Boko Haram has represented a threat to the stability of Nigeria for years, especially in the northern region and in oil- and resource-rich areas. THE CANADIAN PRESS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Prince Charles calls youth to action on global challenges

Royal tour. First in line to the throne visits P.E.I., birthplace of Confederation

Prince Charles says the need to tackle the world's challenges became more evident for him after the birth of his grandson as he highlighted Tuesday the need to harness the creativity of young people to find innovative solutions to those problems.

Known for being outspoken on social and environmental issues, Charles said in a speech in Charlottetown that it's important to see the connections between the planet's challenges and its well-being.

"They all ... rest on the nexus of water, energy and food security and finding common purpose in meeting our common needs," he said.

Quoted

"The health of nature's life-support systems ... has a direct bearing upon the health and well-being of people."

Prince Charles' speech in Charlottetown

Charles listed a number of issues facing the world, including the widening gap between rich and poor, the lack of opportunity for women and girls, youth unemployment, deforestation and overfishing after he received an honorary Symons Medal for his contribution to Canadian society.

The Prince of Wales said the birth of his grandson George last year has had an impact on his views. Charles and his wife Camilla were in the middle of a four-day tour of Canada.

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Prince Charles and his wife Camilla with actress Katie Kerr portraying Anne of Green Gables in Charlottetown, P.E.I., Tuesday. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canadians to monitor Ukrainian election

Former premier Mike Harris and Conservative Sen. Raynell Andreychuk will lead the independent Canadian mission to observe the Ukrainian presidential election at the end of the month.

Of the 500 people Canada is sending to monitor the vote, 338 will be with the independent election observation mission led by Harris and Andreychuk, said Prime Minister Stephen Harper in a statement Tuesday.

"Canada has been steadfast in its support for Ukraine and we are proud to once again play a role in fostering democracy and good governance at this challenging time in that country," Harper said.

The remaining 162 will participate in observation missions run by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

Andreychuk is a Saskatchewan Conservative appointed to the upper house by Brian Mulroney in 1993. A key figure in the Canadian-Ukrainian community, Andreychuk led similar Canadian delegations in 2010 and 2012.

People react during a rally supporting Ukrainian presidential candidate Petro Poroshenko in Uman, Ukraine, on Tuesday. The presidential vote in Ukraine is scheduled for May 25. CEFREM LUKATSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Harris was Progressive Conservative premier of Ontario from 1995 to 2002, winning two majority governments. Harper said Harris will bring insights and expertise from the democratic process and executive leadership.

The Harper government has been a vigorous supporter of Ukraine in the face of Russia's annexation of the Crimean Peninsula and efforts to destabilize other regions of the country.

Harper has portrayed Russian president Vladimir Putin as a threat to world peace.

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Dog deception. Bodies of 'stolen' dogs found in ditch

The bodies of six dogs initially reported stolen from the back of a dog walker's truck were found dumped in a ditch in Abbotsford, B.C., says an SPCA spokeswoman.

Lorie Chortyk said the agency retrieved the bodies of the young- to middle-aged dogs and transferred them Tuesday to a lab where necropsies will be done.

The results are expected within a week and will determine how long the dogs were left in a vehicle in Langley, where they are believed to have died in hot weather.

The necropsy results, along with interviews with the dog walker and any witnesses, will be part of the SPCA's report to Crown counsel, which will decide if animal cruelty charges will be laid.

The SPCA took over the investigation on Monday after the dog walker admitted the animals were not stolen.

The woman initially told police and the dogs' owners that she left her vehicle to use the washroom in a dog park and when she returned the dogs were gone.

Chortyk said the SPCA and police deal with hundreds of calls every year involving dogs left in vehicles.

Dogs don't sweat the way we do and can be overcome with heat exhaustion, brain damage or even death in as little as 10 minutes because the temperature in a car can rise quickly, she said.

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Animal cruelty

The dog walker's name has not been released because charges have not been laid. But in addition to possible public mischief charges for falsely reporting a theft, she could face:

- **B.C.** Maximum fine $75,000 or two years in jail
- **Criminal Code of Canada.** Maximum fine $5,000 and 18 months jail

Eastern Townships

PQ star injured in bicycle accident

Parti Québécois star Pierre Karl Peladeau was recovering in hospital on Tuesday after suffering several fractures in a bicycle accident.

The PQ said in a statement the accident occurred in the Eastern Townships on Sunday. Peladeau, the majority owner of Quebecor Inc., has been considered a contender for the vacant PQ leadership.

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Newfoundland

Memorial U gets whale carcass

Memorial University says it has reached a tentative agreement that would see the remains of a blue whale carcass that washed ashore on Newfoundland's west coast displayed at the school. The school in St. John's, N.L., says the Royal Ontario Museum will dismantle and clean the whale as part of the agreement.

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Residents try to dig out a car trapped in the mud from a landslide at the village of Topcic Polje, Bosnia-Herzegovina Tuesday. Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia have been hit by the worst flooding in a century, forcing half a million people out of their homes and leading to more than three dozen deaths. SULEJMAN OMERBASIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Worse than the war': Flood victim

Bosnia. Tens of thousands displaced, many for the second time in their lives

It took only a few minutes for a roaring landslide to leave Ramiz Skopljak homeless for the second time in his life.

The first time he had been 47, and though his house was a ruin, the Bosnian war at least left him his land in Topcic Polje, central Bosnia, on which to start anew.

Now he is 65 and even if he could find the folder with the title deed buried somewhere in the mud covering his village it wouldn't help. The land itself has disappeared, along with a chunk of the hill it stood on.

"This is worse than war," the broken man whispered.

His family had to run out of the house so fast on Thursday that none of the eight members could even grab a wallet, a personal document or a mobile phone. They have nothing now.

Skopljak's monthly retirement pay is $295, and he shares it with his wife, his son and his daughter-in-law who are among Bosnia's 44 per cent unemployed.

He said he does not know how many houses the landslide swallowed but he would be surprised if 30 per cent of the village's 1,430 residents will be able to stay in Topcic Polje.

More than 2,000 landslides have been recorded in the past few days in Bosnia, which along with neighbouring Serbia is struggling with the worst flooding in southeastern Europe in more than a century.

At least 43 people have died in five days of flooding caused by unprecedented torrential rain. Entire towns and villages are under water and tens of thousands have been forced to flee their homes.

Bosnia's Foreign Minister Zlatko Lagumdzija called the flood and landslide damage "immense."

"After the war, people had nothing," he said. "Now they have nothing except bank loans they took to rebuild their homes" at the end of the country's 1992-95 war that killed at least 100,000 people and left millions homeless. Today the country is upside down. Buses and trucks with thousands of volunteers and collected aid are jamming still-passable roads. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Health hazard

Drowned livestock a new threat

A new calamity emerged Tuesday in the flood-hit Balkans as rescue workers battled overflowing rivers — and were confronted by wastelands of drowned livestock.

As the rainfall stopped and temperatures rose, the withdrawing floodwaters revealed a harrowing sight: thousands of dead cows, pigs, sheep and other animals left behind as their panicked owners fled.

In the northern Bosnian town of Samac, troops used ropes to pull nearly 400 dead cows out of a barn and drove the carcasses away on trucks. In Samac, like many towns, waters rose within hours. Farmers often had no time to free their livestock so that they could attempt to swim to safety. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dead cows that have yet to be taken away by the Bosnian military from a farm near the town of Samac on Tuesday. AMEL EMRIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Military chief declares martial law in Thailand

Political crisis. The country has been gripped by turmoil since 2006, when former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra was ousted

Residents stop to take a photograph of themselves at a military checkpoint in central Bangkok on Tuesday. KIKO ROSARIO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thailand's powerful military chief intervened Tuesday for the first time in the country's latest political crisis, declaring martial law and dispatching gun-mounted jeeps into the heart of the capital with a vow to resolve the deepening conflict as quickly as possible.

The move stopped short of a coup and left the nation's caretaker government intact, along with the constitution. Life continued normally with residents unfazed by the news, which follows six months of crippling protests that killed 28 people and injured more than 800.

But the intervention left the country at another precarious crossroads — its fate now in the hands of the military.

Thailand has been gripped by off-and-on political turmoil since 2006, when former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra was toppled by a military coup after being accused of corruption, abuse of power and disrespect for Thailand's king.

His overthrow triggered a power struggle that in broad terms pits Thaksin's supporters among a rural majority against a conservative establishment in Bangkok.

The army action came a day after Thailand's caretaker prime minister refused to step down, resisting pressure from a group of senators calling for a new interim government with full power to conduct political reforms. It also followed threats by anti-government protesters to intensify their campaign to oust the ruling party by next week.

Life in Bangkok and the rest of the country remained largely unaffected, with schools, businesses and tourist sites open and traffic flowing normally.

Near one of Bangkok's most luxurious shopping malls, bystanders stopped to snap smiling "selfies" of themselves with armed soldiers in jeeps and Humvees. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's getting hot in here

Scientists say 2014 saw hottest April in four years

Once again, the world hit record heat levels. The average global temperature last month tied the hottest April on record four years ago.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Tuesday said last month's average temperature was 14.5 C. That was 0.77 C warmer than the average last century. NOAA scientist Jessica Blunden said April's heat was driven mainly by Siberia and Eurasia. She said the United States and Canada were exceptions. Canada was cooler than normal and the United States was warmer than normal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Chamber of horrors.' Spanish university kept donated bodies piled in basement: Reports

A Spanish university is investigating how dozens of bodies donated to medical science came to be piled up in a campus basement, following newspaper publication of grotesque images of the remains dumped in what the daily said resembled a chamber of horrors.

A statement from Madrid Complutense University said the bodies had been due for incineration as their use in research had ended but that spending cuts had caused delays.

It said it was an isolated occurrence and that the newspaper was distorting reality.

El Mundo newspaper photo and video images showed the discarded body parts, some not covered by sheets, piled on shelves and tables. The papers said there were some 250 bodies and that many had been there for years.

It said some were kept in a refrigerated room, and compared the images to a mass grave.

The paper said the smell of death and formaldehyde was unbearable and pointed out that another department at the university kept its donated bodies in good conditions.

The university said it had reached an agreement recently with a funeral company and the bodies would be removed this week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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PM's project. Gates throws the gauntlet before maternal summit

The noted philanthropist Melinda Gates says an unacceptable number of newborn babies are dying in poor countries because the developed world simply isn't investing enough money to save them.

Gates is issuing an international call for more funding as she helps launch new research in the medical journal The Lancet on the plight of new mothers, babies and young children in developing countries.

The frank talk from Gates means more spending pressure on Prime Minister Stephen Harper as he hosts a major international meeting next week on his signature aid initiative — maternal, newborn and child health.

Harper committed $2.8 billion to the cause at the G8 summit Canada hosted in 2010 and is chairing a three-day international meeting in Toronto as a follow-up to raise awareness.

Each year 2.9 million newborn babies die around the world, while another 2.6 million are stillborn, the Lancet study concluded.

That's half the 1990 rate but still too high, according to the 55 experts from 18 countries that contributed to the report. The Lancet study estimates that by 2020 it would cost about 91 cents per person to lower the annual death rate of newborns by 1.3 million, while reducing stillbirths by 530,000 per year. "Canada has been one of the leaders in this," said Dr. Mickey Chopra of the UN. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Newborn deaths

Melinda Gates is the co-chair of the foundation named after her and her husband, Bill. Their foundation joined six countries in contributing to Harper's initiative in 2010.

Activity levels of Canadian kids is behind global pack

Children play in the waters of B.C.'s Semiahmoo Bay. A new report finds Canadian kids aren't getting enough physical activity, especially compared to peers in other countries. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

New report. Canadian children and youth were assigned a D-minus grade for overall activity levels

A new report reveals that the overall physical activity levels of Canadian kids are lagging behind those of youngsters from other nations.

For the first time, Active Healthy Kids Canada is using its annual Report Card on Physical Activity for Children and Youth and Youth to see how Canadians measure up to kids in 14 other countries.

The findings were released Tuesday at the first-ever Global Summit on the Physical Activity of Children being held in Toronto.

Canadian children and youth were assigned a D-minus grade for overall physical-activity levels.

Canada trailed near the back of the international pack along with Australia, Ireland and the U.S. — who were also each assigned a D-minus — while Scotland received an F. Mozambique and New Zealand topped the list for activity levels. The report found that 84 per cent of Canadian three- to four-year-olds met early years guidelines of at least 180 minutes of daily physical activity at any intensity. But only seven per cent of five- to 11-year-olds and four per cent of 12- to 17-year-olds in Canada meet guidelines. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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LSATs. Admission council to stop flagging results of disabled test takers

The organization that administers the Law School Admission Test has agreed to pay roughly $7.7 million to settle allegations that it discriminated against students who sought extra time to take the exam.

Under an agreement with the Justice Department, the Law School Admission Council has also agreed to stop flagging score reports of students who took the test untimed to accommodate learning disabilities.

The payment will compensate more than 6,000 students who applied for the testing accommodations.

LSAC said in a statement that it decided to settle because it didn't make sense to fight it in court. The council said the justice department had long been aware of its practices but only decided to force a change in 2012, when it intervened in a lawsuit brought by test takers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

No fatalities

GM recalls over 180K Canadian cars

Another day, another recall from General Motors. At least that's the way it seems as the automaker reviews safety issues across its lineup of cars and trucks in the wake of a mishandled recall of millions of older small cars.

Three of the recalls affecting a total of 181,500 vehicles sold in Canada, including 105,700 to fix a cable that could wear over time and misalign the gear shifter on Chevrolet Malibu and Pontiac G6 mid-sized cars with four-speed transmissions.

While no fatalities were involved in the latest recalls, the problems were serious enough that GM has temporarily halted sales of the vehicles. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

USDA allows some schools to delay whole-grain menus

'Legitimate concerns.' School administrators say can be tough to find whole-grain pastas, tortillas and grits

Students pick up their lunch at Barre Town Elementary School in Barre Town, Vt. TOBY TALBOT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will allow some schools to delay adding more whole-grain foods to meals this year, responding to criticism from school nutrition officials and Congress that the standards were too difficult to meet.

The delay comes hours after a House spending panel criticized the Obama administration's healthier school-lunch standards and proposed letting some schools opt out for up to two years.

USDA said schools can put off a requirement that grain products in schools be whole-grain rich, or more than half whole grain, if they can demonstrate that they have had "significant challenges" in preparing those products.

"Schools raised legitimate concerns that acceptable whole-grain rich pasta products were not available," said Kevin Concannon, USDA undersecretary for food, nutrition and consumer services.

While many students have adapted easily to whole-grain breads and rolls, school nutrition directors say they are having a harder time with pastas, biscuits, tortillas and grits — all popular items during lunch.

Championed by first lady Michelle Obama, the standards have been phased in over the last two years, with more changes this year, including rules limiting fat, calorie, sugar and sodium in foods. While many have had success putting the rules in place, others have said they are restrictive and costly. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Target hopes to get more people into their stores in Canada. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

Target aims for bull's-eye with new head in Canada

Changes. Top exec of Canadian operations is out after retailer's expansion to Great White North missed the mark

Target has fired the president of its troubled Canadian operations, Tony Fisher, and is replacing him with a 15-year U.S. company veteran in a bid to address inventory issues and bring customers back into its stores.

The executive shakeup in Canada comes two weeks after the abrupt resignation of Target's CEO and Chairman Gregg Steinhafel.

The third-largest U.S. retailer announced Tuesday that Mark Schindele, 45, who was senior vice-president of merchandising operations, will now run the Canadian operation.

Target's expansion into Canada last year marked its first foray outside the U.S. but it has struggled with weak sales and losses.

The changes are effective immediately.

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Human rights

Germany clamps down on exports of surveillance tech

Germany says it will restrict exports of surveillance technology to states that fail to respect their citizens' human rights.

Economy Minister Sigmar Gabriel says the move is designed to prevent spy software "Made in Germany" from being used for repression by autocratic regimes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Coming up this week: the defining moment of our age.

Famous-for-nothing Kim Kardashian is marrying the Biggest Ego on the Planet, "Yeezus" Kanye West, at the Forti De Belvedere in Florence on Saturday, the day after they and their guests take a private tour of the Palace of Versailles, former home of Louis XV, who famously said, "Après moi, le déluge."

Well, it never rains but it pours.

The original plan was for the couple to be married in Versailles, but the people who run the palace must have learned something after the wretched excesses of the Sun King and Marie Antoinette and will only allow a tour.

Of course, the palace is just a tumbrel ride away from the Place de la Concorde in downtown Paris, where former occupants of the palace lost their heads, victims of the wrath of the Republic.

The only mobs following Kim and Kanye around are paparazzi, although they're bad enough: Kim eats an ice cream cone on the Left Bank! Kim goes to the gym! Kim shows half a boob in display of pre-wedding fitness! Nothing about this wedding and its preparations escapes the scrutiny of the tabloid channels.

For example: Kim turned up in Paris with 10 suitcases, which must have made for an interesting answer to the question "Avez-vous quelque chose à déclarer?"

And this: the ice cream flavour was brittle nut macadamia, and the couple ordered two scoops.

The bill came to 14 euros, which is like 10 bucks an ice cream cone.

"J'adore Paris," observed KK.

Come on! How much more of this can we take? A lot, apparently. It's only Wednesday.

Am I the only one left in the world to remember that Kim Kardashian has done absolutely nothing to acquire her vast, social-media-stoked wealth and fame?

Nobody else seems to care. Celebrity is celebrity. Kim has even spawned a growth industry called Kardashian.

For example, on the same day La Kim went out for ice cream on the Left Bank, her kid brother Rob engaged in a tweet fest with the media because he is fat.

I mean, 35 per cent of the U.S. over-20 population is fat.

That's not news. Or it's bad news. But it's Rob Kardashian's claim to fame. In fact, the body weight of the entire clan is a national obsession. Kim and her sisters Kourtney and Khloé alert the media every time their clothes fit.

But really, it's all about Kim.

If I'm Kanye West and I'm touring the fabulous Hall of Mirrors on Friday, I might cast a quick glance at myself and make sure I still cast a reflection.

Because even the world's largest ego is going to have trouble keeping up with the Kardashian(s).

Yeezus.

ZOOM

Banding together for mascot

Emit, a four-week-old southern three-banded armadillo, eats banana off the hand of a zookeeper. A group in Brazil hopes the fact that the endangered armadillo is the World Cup mascot will raise awareness at all levels of society about the importance of saving the armadillo and its natural habitat. TOM UHLMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Saving the three-banded armadillo

A Brazilian environmental group has launched an effort to save the endangered three-banded armadillo, the mascot for the World Cup starting next month.

The armadillo is in danger of extinction, largely because of deforestation and hunting in its habitat in the shrub lands of northeastern Brazil. Its meat is considered a delicacy by many in the region.

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World Cup baller

Those risks in large part are why the armadillo was chosen as World Cup mascot. Another is that when it's frightened, it rolls up into a ball small enough to fit into one hand, looking like a tan soccer ball.

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Geminid showers coming up all flowers

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There's a wonderful little corner of YouTube devoted to Kenneth Brandon and his time-lapsed eye-candy series with an eye turned toward the night skies above California's more rugged spaces.

This beautiful footage of 2012's Geminid meteor shower over Big Sur is a nice example of his prodigious output. If you find yourself impressed, be sure to check out more of his work at youtube.com/kennethbrandon. (Via Kenneth Brandon/YouTube)

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Blended mix meets match

Drew Barrymore and Adam Sandler play a widowed mom and a divorced dad who meet on a family safari after a disastrous blind date in Blended. CONTRIBUTED

When two families commingle. From The Brady Bunch to its film granddaddy, Yours, Mine and Ours, Hollywood loves a blended family story

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The Brady Bunch is pop culture's most famous blended family.

The story of a "lovely lady who was bringing up three very lovely girls," and a "man named Brady with three boys of his own," who "would somehow form a family," ran for fives seasons on TV, endlessly in reruns and even spawned two movies.

"The Brady Bunch is a live-action modern fairy tale of family," says Christopher Knight who played Peter Brady on the original show. "In this context it's less odd that it's lasted for over 30 years; and why it may last in some respects as long as Mother Goose!"

He may be optimistic on the eternal appeal of his show, but he's not wrong to imply that the idea of blended families could remain the subject of stories and movies for years to come.

This weekend "cinematic soulmates" Drew Barrymore and Adam Sandler reunite for a third time, following The Wedding Singer and 50 First Dates, for Blended, a romantic comedy about the mixing and mingling of two families.

Hollywood has been blending screen families for years. The grandfather of these blended family stories has to be Yours, Mine and Ours.

Based on the memoir Who Gets the Drumstick? by Helen Beardsley, this 1968 Lucille Ball, Henry Fonda film sees a widow with eight kids and a widower with 10 children (including Mike, played by Tim Matheson 10 years before he found fame in Animal House) become one big (almost) happy family.

The film was produced by Ball, who became so friendly with the Beardsleys she treated all 20 of them to a trip to Disneyland. ABC and Paramount Studios were so impressed with the film they gave the green light to the similarly themed The Brady Bunch show.

The same year, movie legend Doris Day made her final big-screen appearance in With Six You Get Egg Roll, a blended family story about a widow with three sons who marries a man with a daughter. The kids don't see eye to eye, but soon figure out a way to live together. Released so soon after Yours, Mine and Ours, Eggroll got good reviews, but, as Roger Ebert wrote at the time, "would probably seem funnier if it didn't suffer by comparison."

Finally, Step Brothers is an R-rated look at extreme Peter Pan Syndrome. Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly play 40ish men who become bunkmates and reluctant stepbrothers when their parents (Mary Steenburgen and Richard Jenkins) marry. The familiar reprimand "Grow up and act your age" fell on deaf ears with these guys. It's like watching two overweight, foul-mouthed 10-year-olds with thinning hair going at each other, but it is good vulgar fun.

Third-time rom-com charm

Drew, Adam get their act together, again

Now that they're on their third romantic comedy together, Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore are obviously big fans of each other — though Sandler says that until their latest, Blended, it was all an act. "I love Drew. I've known her a long time. In all three movies, we have the pleasure of falling in love. The first two I faked it. But this one I really did," he jokes about his Wedding Singer and 50 First Dates co-star, to which she responds, "You fake it good."

The secret to their long-standing partnership? Timing and patience, according to Barrymore. This time, with Blended, they take on a rather unique set of dating circumstances: A widower and a divorcee, each with multiple kids at home, who initially meet on a disastrous blind date and then end up accidentally sharing a family vacation to Africa, where being forced to spend time with each other gives them a chance to reconsider each other's faults.

For their third go-round together, Sandler and Barrymore find themselves playing parents, which might have as much to do with their age as it does with the fact that both stars now have kids at home. As far as how she's doing as a new mom? Her co-star gives her high marks. "You're all about your kids," he says, smiling. Not to be outdone in the mutual appreciation society, Barrymore has some nice things to say about Sandler's parenting skills as well: "You're a good, patient, loving, awesome parent much like your character in the movies. That's always what I've taken away from it," she tells him. Get a room, you two.

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Cinematic soulmates Drew Barrymore and Adam Sandler. CONTRIBUTED

Two Professor X's meet for X-Men powwow

Get ready for nerd heads to explode. Professors Xavier past and future share electrifying scene in latest X-Men film

MATT PRIGGE
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X-Men: Days of Future Past allows for a rare occurrence, not only in the comics franchise but in all movies. It's a time travel picture, with the older mutants sending Hugh Jackman's Wolverine back to 1973 to thwart a dystopian future where they're hunted and killed by government robots. That means that we see both the old and young versions of Professor Charles Xavier (Patrick Stewart and James McAvoy, respectively), as well as two Magnetos (Ian McKellen and Michael Fassbender).

That doesn't mean the actors actually get to share scenes — though Stewart and McAvoy do, once, when both characters meet in their conjoined mind for a little, nerd-electrifying powwow.

"It was James' first day of work and it was my last day of work," recalls Stewart of the day it was shot. "My bags were packed and I was read to get out of Dodge." He says they didn't belabour the scene. "I don't recall rehearsing it. We knew the lines and they rolled the cameras and it was four minutes' work. I shouldn't have said that. I should have said we worked on it for weeks."

For McAvoy, he obviously had much to draw on for his performance. "I've been a fan [of Stewart's] for years," McAvoy says. "I watched the [X-Men] films, and Star Trek, all the way back to Dune. I don't know if anyone remembers Dune." (Stewart played a mulleted Gurney Halleck in the 1984 David Lynch film.) It wasn't just about nailing Stewart's performance style, though. "I was watching the empathy that pours out of him in the previous movies. It's the prime characteristic of Professor X: This willingness to care and reach out and help."

James McAvoy, left, and Patrick Stewart in X-Men: Days of Future Past. ALAN MARKFIELD/20TH CENTURY FOX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

He wasn't the only one studying another actor's performance. Stewart did the same to McAvoy. "It made me (want) to go back and shoot it again, now that I knew where I came from. I could get so much more James McAvoy into that performance," he says, somewhat joking.

At the same time, Charles Xavier is in a very different spot than he has been in any other movie. "We've seen the good professor, who has always had options, and those options have been through negotiation, persuasion, some resolution that will not be violent," Stewart says. "From the beginning of this movie, there is no other option. Our enemy this time is not available for rational conversation or to be reasoned with. The professor has to make the decision to destroy something to survive. It toughened Xavier up."

Sadly, Ian McKellen could not attend the press junket, which would have reunited him in New York City with his dear friend and funny-picture buddy, Stewart. That also meant the two Magnetos couldn't butt heads. In fact, McKellen and Fassbender didn't even see each other on-set.

"We sort of kept missing each other," Fassbender recalls. That doesn't mean he wasn't studying him anyway. "For this one I spent a lot of time with this video on YouTube, which was Ian McKellen in the 1970s doing this workshop on 'Macbeth.' I was playing that over and over again, getting more of the rhythms and tones of his voice." This of course means they don't get the on-screen meet-up that the two Xaviers enjoyed. "Unfortunately we didn't get a scene together. We flipped a coin and James and Patrick won the toss."

Days of Future Past

Think X-Men have powers? Check out capitalists

Peter Dinklage is the main baddie in X-Men: Days of Future Past, playing Dr. Bolivar Trask, a corporate type who wants to design robots to hunt and kill mutants, whom he perceives as too dangerous to be living with humans. But Dinklage doesn't like the term "villain" — not here, nor on Game of Thrones.

"I always say the highfalutin' actor thing of not judging your villain, not seeing him as a villain," Dinklage says. "He really believes he's doing the right thing. He wants to save humankind, worldwide, at the time of the Vietnam War, one of the worst wars there was — although I guess they're all bad wars."

But good intentions, however misguided, run up against less good intentions. "He's also a capitalist. Those are the guys I don't trust: war profiteers. His containers [with the robots] have his logo on them. The guys screaming in a tree in Central Park, you get that as a New Yorker. But I don't get the guys down in Wall Street, bleeding people for a living."

Dinklage's character gets to hobnob with another baddie of the 20th century. The film has Trask pitch his robots to Richard Nixon, played by Mark Camacho. "There's a fine line where you can easily slip into comedic territory. You can get Rich Little with it," Dinklage says. "Mark certainly didn't do that."

Dinklage even says he has a kind of history with Nixon. "My mother was an elementary school teacher for 35 years, and she taught at Nixon's school in New Jersey. I was raised a liberal Democrat, and she was protesting Nixon when he was in office. And yet we have a picture of my mother and President Nixon shaking hands."

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Lea Michele dishes on her new book and her style must-haves

Brunette Ambition. Glee star's memoir gives fans a glimpse into her life and style

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Actress and singer Lea Michele is now also a published author.

In her new book Brunette Ambition, Michele details her journey from being a child performer on Broadway to becoming the star of the hit TV show Glee. The glossy, photograph-filled book covers everything from navigating life in Hollywood to beauty and style tips.

"I just really wanted to have the opportunity to do something for my fans," Michele tells us. "They are always asking me about health, beauty, fitness. So I wrote this book for them."

The book also pays tribute to Michele's singing idol Barbra Streisand, with each chapter beginning with either a quote from the singer or from one of Streisand's iconic movie roles. "I think she is just amazing," Michele says of her fellow singer and actress. "I remember watching Funny Girl as a little girl and I think that she's an amazing role model. I've been trying to do that for my fans."

While Michele says that deep down she is a jeans-and-T-shirt person at heart, she also writes about her favourite award night looks and her red carpet beauty routine. "I really love my hair and makeup team; they've been with me for a long time," she says. "When we're getting ready for the red carpet, we put on music. It's a lot of fun."

It's been a busy spring so far for Michele. In addition to promoting her new book, she just released the video for her single On My Way from her first solo album Louder. She also voices the character of Dorothy in the animated film Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return.

"I was so happy that I had the opportunity to play Dorothy. It's such an iconic role," she says, noting that her favourite song in the film is Work With Me.

Michele pauses for a moment when asked to name three items she thinks every woman should have in her closet. "Boyfriend jeans, motorcycle boots and a leather jacket," she replies after consideration.

However, she doesn't miss a beat when asked to pick her favourite recipe in the book. "Definitely I would say the grilled cheese," she replies instantly. "I'd eat it every day if I could."

Actress and singer Lea Michele GETTY IMAGES

Lea Michele on her singing idol Barbra Streisand

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Charlize shares that things are haPenning with Sean

Charlize Theron is finally opening up about her blossoming relationship with Sean Penn, and all it took was an interview with Vanity Fair. "Sean and I have known each other for 18 years. We were just really good friends," she tells the magazine. "And it's been slow going because you are aware that you could screw that up and lose it. We had to think about it. But at the end of the day, it was somewhat effortless. It just kind of naturally happened, and before I knew it I was in something that was making my life better. The people who really love me can see the effect it has had on me." She does admit, though, that the paparazzi attention has made developing a relationship a bit awkward. "I don't know how you have a healthy relationship with the whole world knowing about it," she says. "Look, we're dating, and I don't think we were trying to hide anything. We were photographed, the relationship was kind of written about. I recently did a daylong press junket, which I hadn't done in forever, and it's a harsh reminder that whatever people try to hide a press junket behind, it's really a roundabout way of getting at as much private s—- as they can. It was all about what I like to eat and avoiding questions about Sean or my son."

Nicole doesn't Kid about her man and her fam

Nicole Kidman GETTY IMAGES

Nicole Kidman is ready to give up her film career all together in favour of her family — she's just waiting for husband Keith Urban to ask. "If he said no, I wouldn't have done it. That's how we are," she tells the Daily Mail about her latest role as Grace Kelly in Grace of Monaco, which debuted at the Cannes Film Festival. "I know this sounds old-fashioned, but I do put it on the table. Because if it won't work for us, then I'm not doing it." When asked point-blank if she would quit acting should Urban request such a move, Kidman says, "Yeah, if he asked me. No question."

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Finding the real Istanbul

Wanderlust. Turkey's famed city has your typical tourist haunts, but stray from beaten path for so much more

The Istanbul neighbourhood of Karakoy, with its cafés and galleries, has become a hub for the young. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Istanbul, the noisy Turkish metropolis on the Bosporus Strait lauded by many a travel ranking, has much more to offer than grand mosques and bazaars. Away from the din of typical tourist haunts, a walk around the neighbourhoods of Karakoy, Balat and Kuzguncuk will peel back the surface to reveal the city's multilayered history. As proof of Turkey's popularity, TripAdvisor just named the country the world's top destination, based on the website's ratings and user reviews.

Karakoy

Descending from the Galata Tower in the Beyoglu district, often regarded as the "pulse of Istanbul," one of the city's steepest hills will lead to Karakoy, an up-and-coming area hemming the Bosporus Strait. This one-time industrial neighbourhood is still home to a number of shops where anything from fishing equipment to Bunsen burners can be procured. But the hardware stores and workshops must now negotiate their space with new galleries and cafés that have created a hub for young hipsters. Past the Karakoy ferry terminal, one street over from the water, look for Namli Gurme, a restaurant and small marketplace offering a large selection of "mezes," or cold appetizers. Also served here is a cut of meat called "lokum," which means Turkish delight and is the term for anything wildly tasty and juicy (unlike the narrower meaning of the term Turkish delight outside the country, referring only to chewy sugary candies).

Balat

The Balat district is a quiet historic area by the Golden Horn, the narrowest stretch of the Bosporus. Its twisting streets and weathered houses, like antiques in an open museum, echo a past occupied by waves of Jewish, Greek, Bulgarian and Armenian residents. The area is now home mainly to working-class Turks from Black Sea towns and Central Anatolia. Adventurous tourists who can find the beauty in the decaying buildings and are willing to forgo the reliability of a map will enjoy wandering the hilly streets. Walking from the Galata Bridge by the seaside toward the end of the Golden Horn, the Gul Mosque is not to be missed. Formerly known as Saint Theodosia church, the cross-in-square orthodox church was converted into a mosque by Ottomans.

Kuzguncuk

On the Asia side of this continental crossroads of a city, the quiet, pictorial village of Kuzguncuk is minutes away from the Uskudar ferry terminal. It's lauded as a quieter, perhaps less jaded version of upscale Ortakoy on the European side. It is another well-known Jewish quarter, home to two synagogues. Among the seaside fish restaurants bearing views of the Bosporus Bridge, Ismet Baba generates the most fanfare. Uryanizade Sokak, running perpendicularly from Ismet Baba and the seaside, is a restored street lined with Ottoman houses and studios for artists. Farther north, the waterside showcases a string of Istanbul's famous classic wooden-framed mansions, known as "yali." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Investigate Sherlock in London exhibit

Elementary appeal.
Arthur Conan Doyle's beloved character continues to fascinate

An oil painting of a portrait of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, 1897, by Sidney Paget. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Museum of London is turning its magnifying glass on the most famous Londoner who never lived: Sherlock Holmes.

The museum on Tuesday announced an exhibition devoted to Arthur Conan Doyle's Victorian detective, featuring everything from handwritten manuscripts to the coat worn by Benedict Cumberbatch in the BBC series Sherlock.

It's the first time the history museum has built a show around a fictional character. But Holmes is one of those rare creations who has long outlived his creator and captured the public imagination for more than a century.

"There are people out there who think he's a real person," said Alex Werner, the exhibition's lead curator. "His profile has never been higher."

Werner said with a new generation discovering the character through the BBC's "playful and reverential" adaptation, the timing seemed right for a major retrospective.

"This is the moment to say: He is one of London's icons. He helped make London what it is," Werner said.

Werner said the aim was to "peel back the layers" of a character who is simultaneously cerebral sleuth, forensic scientist, drug-taking bohemian and archetypal Englishman.

Details

The exhibition — which opens Oct. 17 and runs to April 12 — examines the origins of Sherlock Holmes in a series of stories by doctor-turned-writer Conan Doyle, and his evolution through myriad stage and screen adaptations.

The show draws liberally from the museum's large collection of Victorian costumes and artifacts, including a 19th-century syringe; Holmes infamously relieved boredom with a seven-per cent solution of cocaine in water.

The Free Library of Philadelphia has loaned pages from Edgar Allan Poe's handwritten manuscript for the 1841 story The Murders in the Rue Morgue. It's often considered the first modern detective yarn and was a childhood favourite of Conan Doyle.

There's also an oil portrait of Conan Doyle, painted in 1897 by Sidney Paget, whose illustrations for the original stories in Strand magazine created the lean, hawkish Holmes of popular imagination. Pat Hardy, the museum's curator of paintings, prints and drawings, noted that the solid, moustache-sporting Conan Doyle looks distinctly Dr. Watson-ish.

And no modern Sherlock show would be complete without the flowing Belstaff overcoat worn by Cumberbatch in Sherlock — a garment that's something of a style icon in itself.

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7. Learn how to shut up.

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Trend

More leg room ... Seriously!

Bless the innovators at Jet Blue for launching premium cabin Mint next month on flights from New York to L.A. With lie-flat seats, 15-inch TVs and a tapas-style menu, it is destined for repeat business — at 75 per cent less than a business-class seat. Coach class sees vending machines replacing the elbow smashing trollies, 10-inch video screens, plus more legroom. A New York-San Francisco route starts this fall. Let's hope this trend trickles across the border.

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Next month, boutique cruise company Rainforest Cruises is launching the M/V Cattleya, an intimate eight-passenger boat ready to set sail to the remote Pacaya-Samiria Reserve in the Loreto region of the Peruvian Amazon. Wind through tributaries and channels, spotting rarely seen wildlife (including the pink river dolphins) and communing with local indigenous tribespeople. The boat's five-star feel is underscored by fine linens, great food made with exotic local ingredients, en-suite bathrooms and best of all — air conditioning, a blessing in the Amazon humidity. Four- and five-day cruises start at about $2,400. RainforestCruises.com.

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Four tips for taking great pics

ON THE MOVE
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I love taking photos when I travel. However, apart from following the rule of thirds — two thirds sky, one third land (or vice versa) — I don't actually know what I'm doing.

I asked four professional photographers for their tips on how we amateurs can best capture those perfect moments.

Here they share some of their secrets for taking the kind of travel photo you'll want to hang on your wall.

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Portrait perfect

My recipe for a perfect portrait is to never photograph people with their back or face to the sun. If sunlight is behind them, the camera will autofocus on the person and the background will be lost or it will autofocus on the background and your subject will be blacked out. If the person is facing the sun, likely they will be squinting in the direct light and their face will be bleached out. So make sure to have the sunlight either to the left or right of their face and then use your flash to light up the other half of your subject.

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Bad weather makes for good pictures

Scenery is always a favourite subject for travellers. Before shooting, think about what drew your attention to the place. Light is a key factor. The best pictures are often made at the beginning or end of the day, or surprisingly, in changeable and bad weather.

GARY CRALLE
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Beauty really is in the eye

When shooting wildlife, make sure the animal's eyes are in sharp focus. A sharp eye provides a strong and intriguing focal point for most viewers. An out-of-focus eye lacks interest. Next, pick an angle that puts the sun behind you and over one of your shoulders. This shooting angle will produce a twinkle in the animal's eye that helps you avoid that dark dead-eye look.

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Keep your camera at the ready

I like a camera to be convenient. Travel with something that will fit in your pocket. Have some method of backing up your photos as you travel — an online service, downloading to a tablet or laptop, or burning back-up discs as you go.

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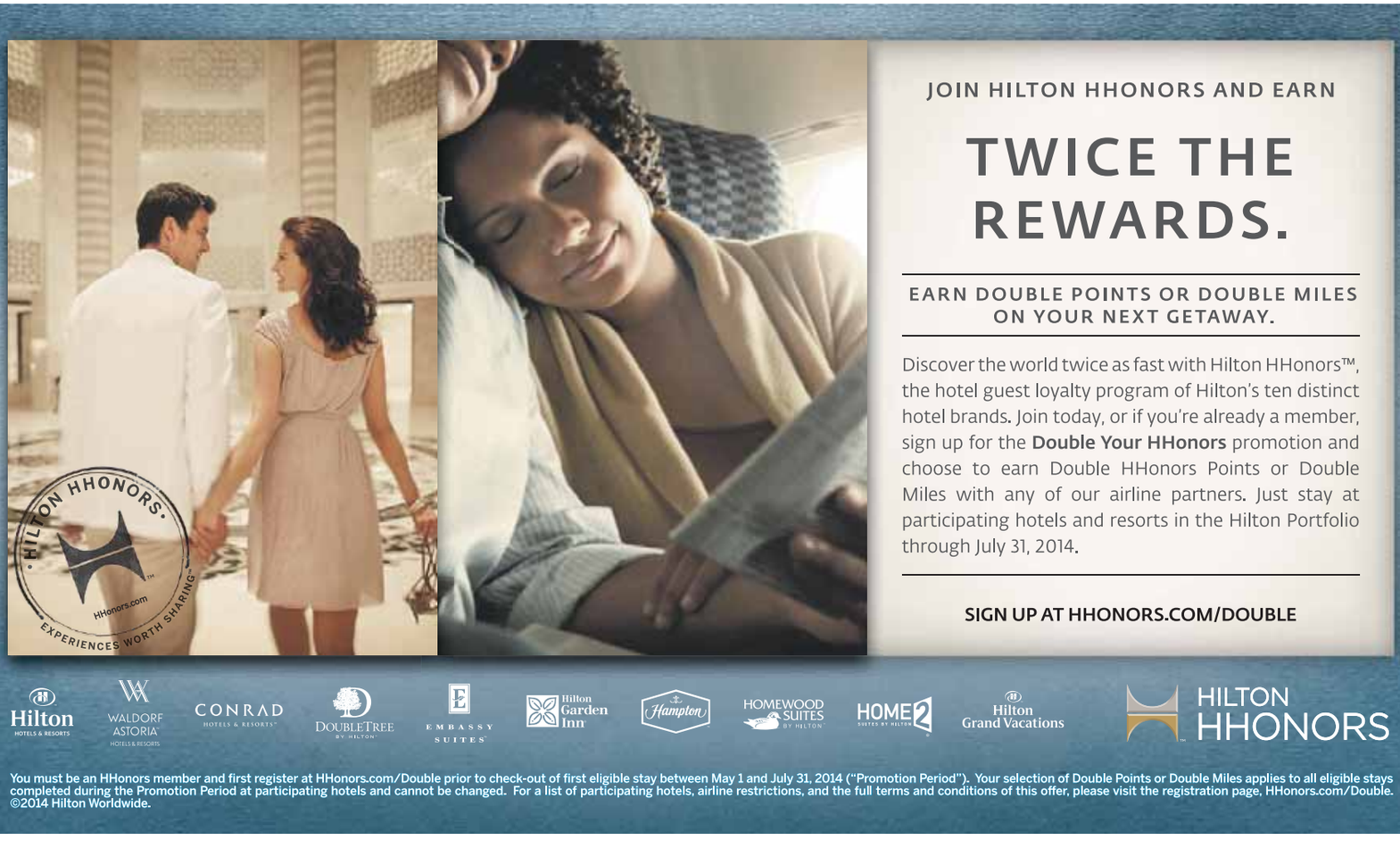
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One more reason to love Montreal

Osheaga. What started as a little island festival eight years ago has morphed into one of the must-see music fests in North America

Jack White performs at Osheaga 2012. THE CANADIAN PRESS

In retrospect, it seems like a no-brainer — bring together some of the world's top bands on an island in the middle of summer, to perform across the river from Montreal, with the city's skyline as a backdrop.

But it was only eight years ago that Nick Farkas organized the first Osheaga, a festival that's growing in popularity and has developed a reputation as a premier music destination in North America.

"It wasn't so obvious in the first few years, when it wasn't doing well," Farkas said in an interview.

"Now it looks like a brilliant move."

The festival is held every August in Parc Jean-Drapeau on Ile Sainte-Helene, an island in the St. Lawrence River best known as the site of the La Ronde amusement park and, previously, the Expo 67 world fair. It's a short subway or bike ride from the city centre.

"We wanted to create a microcosm of Montrealness on the island — with good food, art, music," Farkas said.

About 25,000 people attended the inaugural two-day event in 2006.

Now stretched over three days, the festival draws 45,000 each day and has sold out the past two years. It appears poised to do so again this summer.

This year, from Aug. 1-3, the headliners will include Jack White, hip-hop duo Outkast, English rockers Arctic Monkeys, dark and sombre singer-songwriter Nick Cave, and Swedish pop star Lykke Li.

The festival has been likened to a scaled-down version of Coachella, the massive party held annually in the California desert.

"It has the same sort of feeling when you step on the ground," said Christopher Roberts, the director for Toronto's own popular music and arts festival, NXNE, who has attended Osheaga several times.

"It's on a field in a beautiful island in the middle of Montreal, which is just an amazing city."

While NXNE spans two weekends and features hundreds of events at clubs and theatres around the city, Roberts said Osheaga has a more intimate setting.

"Osheaga is a close-dated event that happens in one location, and it has this sort of really magical feel because you're all partaking in this singular event together, which really creates this sense of community."

The word osheaga, the story goes, was used by the first European settlers to describe what would eventually become Montreal. It was originally a Mohawk word to describe the place "where they met the people of the shaking hands."

These days, it's where more than 100 bands are lined up to perform.

Local talent — such as Half-Moon Run, Mac DeMarco, and Le Trouble — will be featured alongside the big international acts.

Sets at Osheaga are short, which makes it easy to discover new bands.

Emerging artists play for 30 minutes, while headliners end each day with sets that stretch more than an hour and a half.

There are six stages this year, up from five in previous years, along with showcases for visual arts.

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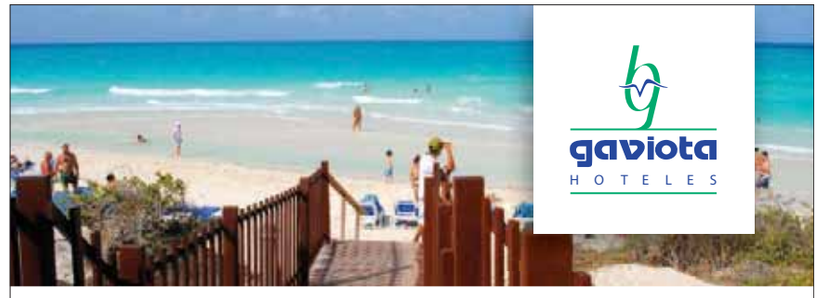

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Three sisters are making Nepalese dreams come true

Climbing to the top. After facing harassment as trekking guides, the Chettri sisters decided to start their own company focused on females

From left, Lucky, Dicky and Nicky are the three sisters behind 3 Sisters.

Instructors at the 3 Sisters Adventure Trekking Company provide lessons on climbing a rock surface in Pokhara, Nepal. ALL PHOTOS: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nepalese female climbing guides make about $3,000 a year, a better-than-average salary in Nepal.

When Lucky, Dicky and Nicky Chettri tried to break into Nepal's male-dominated trekking industry 20 years ago, competitors tried to run them out of business. They say men threatened them, harassed them — even filed bogus police reports against them.

"The men said this is a business for the men and we should leave it alone," said Lucky, the eldest Chettri sister in the 3 Sisters Adventure Trekking Company. "They would even accuse us of trying to take away food from their table."

Now the sisters have a booming business and a waiting list of Nepalese women who want to join their six-month training program for mountain guides.

The rise of the Chettri sisters' business in many ways reflects the increasing clout of women in Nepal, which remains in most ways a deeply patriarchal country.

Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay first climbed Mount Everest in 1953, but it was another 40 years before the first Nepali woman reached the peak. Since then, women have made progress in politics, education and business.

About five per cent of Nepali politicians were female in 1990, but women won a third of the seats in the 2008 parliamentary election. Some discriminatory laws have been changed, including one that allowed only sons to inherit parental property.

Shailee Basnet, who led a 10-member Nepali women's team to Everest in 2008, said the number of women in trekking and mountaineering has risen as well, and she gave credit to the Chettri sisters.

"They have started a trend for women to take up this profession. Women guiding foreign trekkers in the region has become a normal thing now," she said.

The Chettris came up with the idea of opening a woman-run trekking agency when they heard from foreign female travellers who were harassed, even sexually assaulted and threatened by their own male guides while trekking remote mountain trails.

"These girls were really afraid and felt insecure," said Lucky, 48, at their office next to the picturesque Phewa lake.

The sisters once led trips themselves, but had trouble finding more women who knew trekking, spoke English and were willing to spend days walking with the foreigners away from home. Their solution was to bring the women to Pokhara and train them for months.

"At the beginning it was very unusual for the women to join our program because they had to leave their homes for many days, working with Westerners," said Nicky, the youngest of the sisters. "Some thought it was against our culture because women are expected to be at home doing household work."

But soon the word spread. "These women began to like the idea that they don't need to depend on their husbands for money," Nicky said.

Gam Maya Tilicha, 25, once planned to become a teacher but is now a full-time guide at the agency.

"I never imagined that I would be a trekking guide. But the income is very good and I like what I am doing — meeting people from all over the world and travelling to new places in Nepal," she said.

The sisters take in 40 students every six months, giving them free housing, food and clothing. The money earned from the trekking agency supports the training.

Once they graduate, they make about $3,000 a year from guiding tourists, a better-than-average salary in this poor Himalayan nation. Monika Rai, a 19-year-old student, hopes it leads to something better.

"I am here to learn the skills of trekking and English language so that I can become a guide and make more money than in any other jobs," she said.

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A serving of spring

Vegetable Primavera.
The word 'primavera' literally means 'spring' in Italian. Add asparagus and fiddleheads for a seasonal touch

DINNER EXPRESS
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Once May hits, fresh vegetables become a bigger part of everyone's kitchen repertoire. Outdoor markets also begin to flourish and become colourful.

Taking the time to stroll through the market or grocery store can easily become daunting, so make a list! Choose a few great delicious recipes for the week and make your list, then set your sights on the market and grocer.

There is always a little room for wandering, but if time is of the essence, that grocery list will make you more efficient and ensure you're not wasting veggies by not using them.

Primavera means springtime in Italian, which makes sense as this dish showcases fresh vegetables and colours.

My version uses vegetable cocktail juice, which many people have on hand. It can, however, be easily substituted with your favourite pasta sauce.

Use your favourite spring vegetables like asparagus or fiddleheads. But don't worry that seasonality will ruin this dish, because your can get peppers, tomatoes and peas year-round! When you get bored, change up the vegetables and use a variety of colours. This pasta is also a wonderful way to use up leftover roasted or grilled vegetables.

Normally made with just vegetables, this version uses tofu for an added twist and a hit of protein.

Grind some fresh black pepper to finish the dish.

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp (15 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 cups (500 ml) cubed firm tofu
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) hot pepper flakes
- 1 cup (250 ml) vegetable cocktail juice
- 2 cups (500 ml) chopped fresh asparagus or peas
- 1 red bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 1 carrot, julienned
- 1 yellow or green zucchini, julienned
- 8 oz (227 g) whole-wheat fettuccine or linguine pasta
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) chopped fresh Italian parsley (optional)
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) freshly grated Parmesan cheese

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1. In non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Brown tofu on all sides for about 3 minutes; remove to plate.

2. In same skillet over medium heat; cook garlic and red pepper flakes for 30 seconds. Add vegetable cocktail juice and stir to combine. Add asparagus, red pepper, carrot and zucchini; cook, stirring 10 minutes or until vegetables are tender crisp.

3. Meanwhile, in large pot of boiling salted water; cook fettuccine for about 8 minutes or until tender but firm. Drain and add to skillet. Stir in reserved tofu and toss to coat well. Sprinkle with parsley, if using and cheese.

Sweet Potato Wedges with Maple Syrup

Sweet potato fries are a popular food trend today, replacing the typical white potato french fries. They are more nutritious than white potatoes.

In fact, sweet potatoes are truly a superfood: a medium sweet potato contains more than your daily vitamin A requirement, a third of your vitamin C intake and 15 per cent of your daily fibre.

They are considered a low-glycemic food, which controls blood sugar levels and contain antioxidants that may help in the fight against cancer.

1. Preheat the oven to 425 F. Lightly coat a rimmed baking sheet with cooking spray.

Ingredients

- 2 large sweet potatoes (about 1 1/2 lb), unpeeled and scrubbed
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 4 tsp maple syrup
- 3/4 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp ground ginger
- pinch of nutmeg
- 3 tbsp chopped parsley

2. Cut sweet potatoes in half lengthwise and then cut each half into 3/4-inch strips. Place on the prepared baking sheet.

3. Combine all the remaining ingredients except the parsley in a small bowl. Brush half the maple syrup mixture over the sweet potatoes.

4. Bake in the centre of the oven for about 10 minutes per side, brushing again halfway through with remaining mixture. Garnish with parsley.

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Sending out those CVs too swiftly can lead to a legacy of 'We'll let you know'

Resumé on the run.
Remember to take extra care when you're casting your net extra-wide

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Everyone has been there: You're in such desperate need of a job, be it part-time or full-time, that you're sending out applications to just about anyone.

But now, having submitted multiple resumés, you can't quite figure out why you're not hearing back from employers.

Here are some common things you may be doing that affect your job application.

Nothing says "hire me" like a blank email

Typing up a personalized email for every single place you apply is time-consuming.

You may think everything that the employer needs to know is in your attached resumé and cover letter, but a blank email shouts: "I'm too lazy to take the time to personalize this application for you."

Your email doesn't need to be (and shouldn't be) as detailed as your cover letter, but you should give your potential employer a brief overview of yourself, what job you're applying for, and why.

If a company receives hundreds of job applications, the ones that have blank emails will have an even harder time standing out from the pack and making it to the next round in the process.

Your resumé is just straight-up terrible

You're young and you may not have loads of work experience.

That's fine, but in 2014 there's no reason your resumé should have zero layout, be extremely disorganized, and/or be longer than if you had 20-plus years' experience.

It's so easy to have a clean, crisp resumé. Get started by searching "free resumé templates" in Google and download one ASAP; all you'll need to do is fill in the blanks.

In the long run, you'll probably want to make a resumé from scratch, but seeing samples can help you start thinking about (and planning) your own.

If you don't have much work experience, showcase other accomplishments you may have, such as volunteer experience or extra-curricular activities. There's no reason your resumé should include your education alone.

It should be no longer than two pages, and there's really no reason it should be more than one. Take a look at what's on your resumé: The drama award you won in Grade 5 is probably irrelevant now.

You miss important details on your resumé/cover letter

Everyone has done it — sent out an application without changing some key pieces of information.

Forgetting to change your career objective or including a cover letter for the wrong position are both surefire ways to get overlooked.

Take your time when applying for jobs and proofread everything. When an employer gets an application with the wrong company and position listed on it, it'll more than likely go straight into the trash, no matter how qualified you are.

Job description? What job description?

You got so excited when you realized a new position had opened up at your favourite business or dream workplace that you forgot to read the entire job description before you applied.

Had you read the job description, you'd realize that the employer asked for you to attach a portfolio (which you didn't), or asked for someone who speaks French (which you don't).

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This doesn't mean that you aren't allowed to have fun, but stay aware of what's being posted on your social media platforms.

Check the privacy settings of your Facebook: A lot of people don't realize how open their pages are. Remember that even if you tweeted something inappropriate years ago, it's still there!

Be conscious of what you're posting because it's next to impossible to go back and delete it for good.

You'll never know if a tiny detail is the only thing holding you back from landing on the top of the application pile. Cover your bases and check every detail you can.

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Cesar's TFC future up in the air as he flies south

MLS. On-loan 'keeper could return to English club after playing for Brazil in World Cup

Toronto FC fans have likely seen the last of goalkeeper Julio Cesar.

The Brazil No. 1 is headed to the World Cup and says England's Queens Park Rangers want him back afterwards.

QPR's loan deal with Toronto called for the 34-year-old Brazilian to stay with the MLS side through December but Toronto manager Ryan Nelsen says there is a "gentleman's agreement" that the English team can have him back sooner.

Cesar, while confirming QPR wants him back in August, is unsure of where his future lies.

"I'm contracted still in England for a few more years," he said through an interpreter Tuesday in his final meeting with the Toronto media before leaving to join the Brazilian World Cup team.

"I'm contracted to return in August after the World Cup but I really don't know what the future holds after the World Cup so I can't give you a clear answer as to my fate after the tournament."

Asked if he thought his time in Toronto was over, Cesar switched to English: "I don't know. Depends (what happens) after the World Cup."

The Cesar move to Toronto was always a marriage of convenience, with a short time frame.

QPR, relegated to the second-tier Championship, wanted to reduce its salary obligations and Cesar was a prime target, with weekly wages pegged at between 70,000 and 100,000 pounds ($128,500 and $183,500).

Manager Harry Redknapp, who inherited Cesar from Mark Hughes, made former England 'keeper Rob Green his No. 1 so Cesar needed a place to play to hold down his Brazil job.

There were reported links to Italy's Napoli and Brazil's Gremio, but Nelsen, who is close to Cesar's agent and knew the player from his own days at QPR, convinced him to come to Toronto.

For TFC, the loan was like a fourth designated player. And Nelsen knew that Cesar's influence on 25-year-old goalie Joe Bendik would last long after the Brazilian had departed.

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With Brazil's World Cup squad calling, Julio Cesar has likely played his last game with TFC. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Last words?

"I feel like I'm a better person being here after three months and experiencing what the club has had to offer me." TFC goalkeeper Julio Cesar, through a translator, on his time in Toronto

Ready to go

Joe Bendik, last year's No. 1 in Toronto, will take over in goal, either for the short-term or long. He has played the last three games for Toronto, two in the Amway Canadian Championship and in Saturday's 2-0 league win over the New York Red Bulls.

World Cup

Too hot in Brazil for 1 p.m. games: Players' union

The Brazilian federation of professional athletes is demanding FIFA change the start times of more than a third of World Cup matches because of the heat and humidity in Brazil.

The federation said Tuesday it filed a lawsuit asking FIFA to change kickoff times of all 24 matches that are scheduled for 1 p.m. local time. It wants all matches starting no earlier than 4 p.m to avoid subjecting players to the "risks" of playing in "intense heat."

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NBA draft lottery

Another local kid headed to Ohio?

The Cleveland Cavaliers continued their remarkable lottery luck Tuesday, winning the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft for the second straight year.

It's the third time in four years the Cavs will be atop the draft after moving up from the ninth spot. They had just a 1.7 per cent chance of winning the top selection.

They drafted Kyrie Irving first in 2011 and will hope to do better with this win than last year, when they took Toronto's Anthony Bennett, who had a forgettable rookie season.

The Cavs can now choose among the likes of Thornhill, Ont.'s Andrew Wiggins and Joel Embiid of Kansas, Duke's Jabari Parker, or another player from what's considered a deep draft. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL gave drugs recklessly: Player lawsuit

Opening another legal attack on the NFL over the long-term health of its athletes, a group of retired players accused the league in a lawsuit Tuesday of supplying them with powerful painkillers and other drugs that kept them in the game but led to serious complications later in life.

The lawsuit, which seeks unspecified damages on behalf of more than 500 ex-athletes, charges the NFL with putting profits ahead of players' health.

To speed injured athletes' return to the field, team doctors and trainers dispensed drugs illegally, without obtaining prescriptions or warnings of the possible side effects, the plaintiffs contend.

Some football players said they were never told they had broken bones and were instead fed pills to mask the pain. One said that instead of surgery, he was given anti-inflammatory drugs and excused from practices so he could play in games. Others said that after years of free pills from the NFL, they retired addicted to painkillers.

NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy, in Atlanta for the league's spring meetings, said: "We have not seen the lawsuit, and our attorneys have not had an opportunity to review it."

The case comes less than a year after the NFL agreed to pay $765 million to settle lawsuits from thousands of retired players who accused it of concealing the risks of concussions. A federal judge has yet to approve the settlement, expressing concern the amount is too small.

The athletes in the concussion case blamed dementia and other health problems on the bone-crushing hits that helped lift pro football to new heights of popularity.

The new lawsuit was filed in federal court in San Francisco and names eight players as plaintiffs, including three members of the NFL champion 1985 Chicago Bears: quarterback Jim McMahon, Hall of Fame defensive end Richard Dent, and offensive lineman Keith Van Horne.

More than 500 other former players have signed on, according to lawyers.

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Short-term gain, long-term pain

"Obviously, we were grown adults and we had a choice. But when a team doctor is saying this will take the pain away, you trust them." Former NFL player Kyle Turley

Papa Richards takes Rangers by the hand

Tutoring New York's young talent. P.E.I. native tells youngsters not to let opportunity slip away

Brad Richards celebrates after scoring a goal against the Canadiens in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals on Saturday. A decade after winning his last cup, Richards has emerged as a leader in New York. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

It's Brad Richards' turn to be the old hand, tutoring his young New York Rangers teammates on what it's like to win a Stanley Cup.

It wasn't like that in 2004, when Richards and teammate Martin St. Louis won the Cup with the Tampa Bay Lightning.

"This whole playoffs it's been fun to do that," the 34-year-old Richards said Tuesday. "When I was in Tampa, Marty also, we didn't really have a clue what we were doing.

"We were first time through it, leaning on other people, older people, asking them all the questions. It's fun to try to gather the group and talk about things. This group has come together so much and they ask a lot of questions. They make fun of us a lot for doing that too, but it's fun to try to help out that way."

The Rangers are two wins away from a trip to the Stanley Cup final after taking the opening two games of the NHL Eastern Conference final from the Canadiens in Montreal.

They swamped the flat-footed Canadiens 7-2 in the series opener on Monday afternoon but then needed a 40-save effort from goalie Henrik Lundqvist to pull out a 3-1 win on Monday.

Game 3 is set for Thursday night in New York.

In 2004, the Canadiens came back to beat Boston in the opening round but then were swept by the Lightning. This year, Montreal is again coming off a Game 7 win over the Bruins and is in danger of losing in four straight to the Rangers.

That has Richards, a P.E.I. native who won the 2000 Memorial Cup with the Rimouski Oceanic, and Montreal native St. Louis at 6-0 in career playoff games against the Canadiens.

Their message to teammates who haven't won a Cup is to not let the chance slip away.

"We've been to the conference final twice in three years. That's very rare," said Richards. "I haven't been back to a final since '04. I just try to hammer that stuff home."

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Scan the image with your Metro News app to view a gallery of Jacques Villeneuve's cross-discipline racing career.

Villeneuve back to the grid

Canadian driver Jacques Villeneuve has dabbled in a number of racing series over the last few years, tried his hand at broadcasting and hopes to eventually finish recording his next music album. His immediate focus is preparing for a return to the Indy 500 this weekend. It has made Villeneuve's busy season even more hectic, but it's a change of pace that he welcomes. DARON CUMMINGS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Indy 500

Hinchcliffe sighs after concussion

While awaiting medical clearance to resume driving after a concussion, James Hinchcliffe's thoughts of competing in the Indianapolis 500 went from apprehension to appreciation.

"It was the not knowing, that was the hard part," said Hinchcliffe, who qualified second after being cleared.

"If you have to be sidelined for one (race), good god, anything but the 500," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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2014 Dodge Dart

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel drive compact sedan
- **Engines (hp).** 2.0-litre inline four-cylinder (160), 1.4-litre inline turbo-charged four-cylinder (160), 2.4-litre inline four-cylinder (184)
- **Base price (incl. destination).** $17,690

Market position

The all-new Dodge Dart debuted for model year 2013 desperately looking to make some headway for Chrysler in Canada's largest and most competitive segment: compact car. Dart makes its case with a slightly bigger body and interior than the competition, stylish looks, and very modern infotainment accoutrements.

Points

- All-new vehicle in 2013, with a North American specific design, developed from a Fiat architecture first utilized on Alfa Romeo Giulietta.
- Five models for 2014: SE, SXT, Aero, Limited, GT.
- Exclusive to Aero model is 1.4 turbo and dual-clutch automatic transmission (optional), which offers a fuel economy rating of 7.2 L/100 km city and 4.9 L/100 km highway (39/58 mpg).

The extra blackness of Rally Group's wheels really pops.

Safety

Constructed of 68 per cent high-strength steel; 10 standard air bags; standard four-wheel disc brakes, traction control and stability control; available rear backup camera, blind spot monitoring, rear cross path detection, ParkSense Rear Park Assist; LATCH anchors that allow child seat to be placed in three rear-seat seat positions.

One competent compact

Review. Love it or not, the 2014 Dodge Dart is a comely and well-equipped beast

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Depending on how you like your compact car configured, you'll either love or ignore the 2014 Dodge Dart.

If you like base models, with their keen pricing and the extra fuel efficiency provided by their smallish engines, you might want to look elsewhere.

The Dodge SE base model's 2.0-litre engine is neither fuel efficient nor snappy.

If you want to spend a bit more, and can, the Aero model is very fuel-efficient and snappy. Its high-tech 1.4-litre turbo engine, with 160 horsepower and 184 lb-ft of torque, is entertaining, especially when mated to the six-speed manual. Its only other transmission option is a fancy-pants dual-clutch version that promises quick and fun shifts in either self-shifting or automatic mode. But that transmission's "herky-jerky" manners at low speeds around town has not won it many fans.

So for model year 2015, Chrysler decided a couple of adjustments were in order for Dart.

The engine and transmission combination that did get some love from customers was the conventional six-speed automatic transmission and the 2.4-litre "Tigershark" Multi-Air engine with 184 horsepower and 171 lb-ft of torque. In 2013 the Tigershark was only available on the top-shelf GT model. For 2014, the engine has been made standard on the mid-level SXT and Limited models, as well as GT.

Hallelujah.

Our test victim was one of these newly endowed Darts — an SXT, outfitted with the six-speed automatic. Energuide rates this vehicle at 9.2 L/100 km City, and 6.3 Highway.

It's a comely and well-equipped beast.

The extra blackness of the Rally Group's aluminum wheels and front grille really "pops" amid the overall whiteness of this particular SXT. I always thought the Dart was a handsome vehicle; this black-and-white version is even more so.

On the road, the Dart feels really stable and confident and comfortable — a result of lots of European-based Fiat and Alfa engineering in its chassis DNA. While the engine and transmission combo are super smooth and powerful, I wouldn't call it charismatic. But that large, unstressed engine really suits the Dart.

Compare

1 Honda Civic Sedan
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2 Hyundai Elantra
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3 Mazda3
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Nissan Quest a reliable family hauler

Second gear.
2011 to 2014 Nissan Quest

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Nissan's shot at minivans like the Honda Odyssey, Hyundai Entourage and Chrysler Magic Wagon was called the Quest. The fourth-generation model is still available for sale for model year 2014, launched originally in 2011 after a one-year break from the market. Unique design, a proven powertrain and a distinctive look were among the ways this generation of Nissan's family hauler set itself apart from the crowd.

Feature content included a Blind Spot Warning System, rear storage well, high-flexibility seating enabling nearly 3,400 litres of cargo space, motorized sliding doors, a household power outlet, Bluetooth, Bose audio, navigation, and more.

The test drive

Start your Quest test-drive with typical minivan checks. Confirm proper operation from the motorized doors and tailgate, if equipped, ensuring each is able to open and close as expected several times with no failures.

These components typically tend to become problematic as the vehicle ages and wears out. Note that a malfunctioning power liftgate may be suffering from a bad sensor or require some adjustment.

Confirm proper climate-control system operation, making sure controls for all three zones (driver, front passenger and rear) are working properly, and that both heated and air-conditioned air makes it way to each zone as expected.

When test driving, 'listen' to the Quest's suspension for any sign of clunking, popping or rattling sounds, which indicate a worn-out bushing, strut or other component.

A mechanic can quickly look for signs of suspension trouble if any unwelcome sounds are apparent.

Feel for any unwelcomed sensations from the CVT transmission. It should deliver power smoothly, and on an uninterrupted, shift-free surge when given the boots.

What owners like

Quest owners typically rave about a spacious cabin, good on-demand power from the V6 and CVT team, refined powertrain operation, handy one-touch doors and liftgate, and distinctive styling, inside and out.

What owners dislike

Most Quest owners who have reported their experiences online seem to love their vehicles, though some wish for better fuel economy and less of a gap between the captain's chairs for attending to infants.

Engines

All Quest models came the same way in the powertrain department: namely with a 3.5-litre V6 driving the front wheels via a Continually Variable Transmission or CVT. Trim grades saw S and SV designations applied to lower-end models, with SL and LE grades applied to top-of-the-line units.

The verdict

Reported problems were very minimal and not reported with enough frequency to warrant much concern. Maximum long-term peace of mind will come from a Quest without motorized doors, and one that's sold as part of a Nissan Pre-Owned program with full service records. A used Quest with a mechanical thumbs-up will likely be a trouble-free and spacious performer for years to come.

TADA

Consider a career in the exciting retail auto sector

THE WHEEL DEAL
Todd Bourgon, Executive Director, Trillium Automobile Dealers Association

At this time of year, many students across Ontario are graduating from high school and post-secondary institutions. Many of those students already have defined career paths, and that's great.

But many graduates haven't decided what's next.

For students who are undecided about their future, consider that the auto industry offers a wide spectrum of exciting careers that are challenging, dynamic and rewarding for a multitude of academic disciplines.

Students (and parents) may be unaware of the professions and opportunities that are available within the auto sector. A modern car dealership is a complex, yet highly organized business that is licensed by the automotive manufacturer to sell their brands.

From appointment co-ordinator, service advisor, service technician and fixed operations manager to salesperson, marketing manager, IT specialist and business development manager, there are multiple professions available at dealerships across the province. Trillium Automobile Dealers Association member dealers employ more than 47,000 quality people and generate $27 billion for the Ontario economy.

Opportunities for advancement within the retail car sector are abundant; countless men and women have worked their way to management and ownership positions based on their skills, dedication and hard work.

In its commitment to education, the TADA has partnered with two post-secondary institutions: Centennial College and the Automotive Business School of Canada at Georgian College in Barrie. Both schools offer education, training and co-op programs geared specifically to the automotive sector, either at car dealerships or in the automotive after-market industry.

Automotive courses and programs are available at many colleges throughout Ontario (to view the list, visit tada.ca/education).

The TADA also plans to develop relationships with adult learning centres for those who want to move into a new career. Many men and women in their middle-aged years are moving into the auto sector and doing very well.

The main reason people are not considering the retail auto sector after post-secondary education is primarily a lack of understating of the multitude of positions they can apply their skills to and the earning potential in the field. Careers in the automotive sector can be every bit as interesting, fulfilling and rewarding as careers in other professions.

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DOWN	BI-WEEKLY
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$750	$135**
$1,500	$130**

STANDARD FEATURES

- 6-SPEED SELECTSHIFT® TRANSMISSION
- HALOGEN PROJECTOR HEADLAMPS
- CRUISE CONTROL
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- POWER WINDOWS/LOCKS
- AIR CONDITIONING
- CHROME EXHAUST TIP
- 16" STEEL WHEELS

UNEXPECTED FEATURES

- VOICE-ACTIVATED SYNC®
- LED TAIL LAMPS
- EASY FUEL® CAPLESS FUEL FILLER
- INTEGRATED BLIND SPOT MIRRORS
- TORQUE VECTORING CONTROL
- HILL START ASSIST

2014 ESCAPE S

Escape Titanium model shown

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FINANCE BI-WEEKLY FOR 84 MONTHS WITH $0 DOWN INCLUDES FREIGHT
OR OWN FOR ONLY $25,178
OFFERS INCLUDE $750 IN MANUFACTURER REBATES.
OFFERS EXCLUDE TAXES.

DOWN	BI-WEEKLY
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$750	$144**
$1,500	$140**

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- AIR CONDITIONING
- 6-SPEED SELECTSHIFT® TRANSMISSION
- REMOTE KEYLESS ENTRY
- 7 AIRBAGS
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- TIRE PRESSURE MONITORING SYSTEM
- FLAT LOAD FLOOR

UNEXPECTED FEATURES

- INTEGRATED BLIND SPOT MIRRORS
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Example: 2014 Ford [Fiesta S Hatch/ Focus S/ Fusion S/ Escape S] for $13,198/ $14,948/$22,818/$25,178 (after $0 down payment or equivalent trade-in, and $2,500/$2,500/$500/$750 Manufacturer Rebate deducted) purchased financed at 0.99%/0.99%/2.99%/1.99% APR for 84 months, monthly payment is $163/$185/$302/$322 (the sum of twelve (12) monthly payments divided by 26 periods) gives payee a bi-weekly payment of $71/$81/$139/$149, interest cost of borrowing is $4,570/$5,331/$2,506/$1,819 or APR of 0.99%/0.99%/2.99%/1.99% and total to be repaid is $13,650/$15,470/$25,208/$27,118. Same 2014 Fiesta S Hatch/ Focus S/ Fusions S/ Escape S FWD example scenario with $750 down: monthly payment is $154/$176/$292/$314 (the sum of twelve (12) monthly payments divided by 26 periods) gives payee a bi-weekly payment of $71/$81/$135/$145), interest cost of borrowing is $443/$505/$2,422/$2,195 or APR of 0.99%/0.99%/2.99%/ 1.99%, and total to be repaid is $12,922/ $14,742/$24,570/$26,390. 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Shift: Need for cleaner energy is motivating decision-makers from Bhutan to the engineers at Rolls-Royce

Rolls-Royce reconsiders electric power

If you've wondered if this "electric thing" is ever going to really take off, consider that Rolls-Royce is seriously considering a plug-in electric version of its flagship Phantom, if not perhaps for all the right reasons.

The company is considering an electric model largely because of legislation considerations, says alternative vehicle news website Green Car Reports.

Tightening emission regulations will make it ever more difficult to sell the kind of large, gasoline-powered vehicles Rolls-Royce specializes in.

Those regulations prompted the company to explore electric power with the imperious 102EX concept in 2011, but "both the recharging times and the range were not acceptable" to R-R buyers. With those issues addressed, a more positive response is expected this time around.

Range and charge times previously shelved any notion of an electric Rolls-Royce, but the company is taking another serious look at it. ALL IMAGES WHEELBASE MEDIA

The frugal Focus

The 2015 Ford Focus will for the first time offer the company's 1.0-litre three-cylinder turbocharged "EcoBoost" engine with a six-speed transmission, surpassing the fuel economy of the previous model.

The smallest in Ford's growing arsenal of EcoBoost engines increases customer choice, says Joe Hinrichs, Ford's executive vice-president of the Americas. It joins the subcompact Fiesta as the second Ford to offer the efficient little powerplant in North America.

EcoBoost technology combines smaller displacement engines with turbocharging, direct fuel injection, variable valve timing and proprietary Ford software to improve both performance and fuel economy, and can deliver way better fuel economy than larger displacement gasoline engines provided they're driven in a thrifty manner. Demand for the engine in Europe, where it's offered in five models, is robust.

The tiny Fiesta was the first car to receive the company's 1.0-litre three-cylinder engine. Now the larger Focus, pictured, will make it available.

Shift points

The world in Shift this week.

- **Americans took 10.7-billion trips on mass transit in 2013, reports the American Public Transportation Association.** That's the highest annual public transit ridership number in 57 years.
- **Ferrari's first hybrid supercar, LaFerrari (963 hp)** has taken the prize in the best sports car category of the European Best Cars 2014 awards in Madrid, Spain.
- **The small Asian nation of Bhutan has joined with Nissan** to immediately replace all Bhutanese government vehicles and taxi cabs in the capital city of Thimphu with Nissan Leaf electric cars

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Silverado HD has natural gas option

Chevrolet is taking compressed natural gas-powered engines seriously, says Autoweek magazine, with a version of the 2015 Silverado HD that runs on either gasoline or compressed natural gas.

The Silverado 2500 HD CNG's engine has been internally modified to run on CNG. It makes 360 horsepower and 380 pound-feet of torque running on gasoline, and 301/333 on natural gas.

That tradeoff in power is offset by the savings offered by burning natural gas, however: Chevrolet claims that the Silverado HD CNG will save owners $2,000 US a year in fuel costs over 41,600 kilometres based on U.S. pricing for fuel, running on CNG 75 per cent of the time. Running on CNG and gas, the truck will travel more than 1,000 kilometres.

Running a Silverado HD on natural gas has big cost savings, according to Chevrolet.

How about buying out the entire U.S. coal industry?

What would be the cost of eliminating the United States' greatest single producer of greenhouse gasses?

About $50 billion US, say a couple of California-based sustainability experts.

Gil Friend and Felix Kramer, in an article penned for Britain's The Guardian, propose a one-time buyout of the U.S. coal industry, shutting it down over a decade and retraining those now employed in it, at the same time accelerating the expansion of renewable energy technologies. And they call on mega-philanthropist visionaries like Warren Buffet, Bill Gates and others to fund it.

"These financial superstars could figure out the best way to structure a Coal Buyout Fund, maybe even at a profit," they wrote.

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Volvo is considering sensors that watch the driver, monitoring things like where the driver is looking. VOLVO

Has Volvo found the solution to distracted driving?

In development.

The car company is researching sensors that can tell when the driver is sleepy or not paying attention

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One of the major factors in car crashes is driver inattention. It can be deadly to ignore what's happening outside the windshield, whether because of fatigue, daydreaming, or looking at the stereo or a phone.

Several automakers are working on solutions to the problem, including Volvo, which is researching sensors that watch the driver. By monitoring such things as where the driver is looking, head position and angle, and how open the eyes are, the system can recognize inattention and take steps to ensure safety.

"If you know that a driver is distracted, you can activate features such as a forward collision warning," says Per Landfors, project leader for drive support functions at Volvo Cars in Sweden. "This is still in the experimental stage. The sensors aren't much different (from existing ones), but what's new is how they're connected to the car, and how the car adapts to you."

The technology uses a sensor that's mounted on the dash in front of the driver. It uses infrared light, emitted by small LEDs, to illuminate the driver to be visible to the sensor. People can't see infrared, so the driver doesn't notice it.

The sensor works like a camera and takes pictures, but doesn't store them. Instead, it analyzes the information in the picture, discards it, and then repeats the process, several times a second. "The car doesn't save any pictures, nor does it have a driver surveillance function," Landfors says.

If the sensor realizes that a driver isn't paying attention, it can activate some of the car's safety functions, depending on what it detects. For a sleepy driver, something like a quick brake pulse could wake him up. If the driver is distracted, systems that warn about imminent collisions, or that can stop the car completely if it's about to hit something, can be adjusted to intervene much sooner than they normally would. "If you're totally aware of what's going on, these can intervene a little bit later," Landfors says. "You only get the warning when you need it."

The system also has the potential to enhance driving for an alert operator. For example, if the system detects that the driver is looking at something on the road, it could aim the headlights toward it for better visibility.

Although the current system under development doesn't save or upload photos, Landfors says that at some time in the future, it is possible that the sensor could take a picture of the driver following a crash and forward it to emergency personnel, who would know in advance what type of trauma care will be necessary.

Quoted

"If you know that a driver is distracted, you can activate features such as a forward collision warning."

Per Landfors, project leader for drive support functions at Volvo Cars in Sweden

Coming soon?

Volvo expects that the recognition system will be available in cars by 2020, but possibly sooner than that.

- **Current Volvo cars can detect a drowsy driver, but this system can differentiate between drowsiness and inattention.**
- **Such systems may be a key to self-driving cars, which will need to know if a driver is paying attention and can take over the task.**

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Amidst all of this driving, I've come to form a list of a few favourite long-distance features that help pass the endless hours more easily — thanks to enhanced connectivity, confidence and comfort on the go. Here's a closer look.

Feature: Ford Sync / Kia UVO / NissanConnect, etc.

Why: Because this breed of all-in-one infotainment system makes it easy and intuitive to access important stuff like your cellphone contacts, navigation system, traffic conditions, weather and more on the go. Once you learn the system's voice interface, you can manipulate virtually any function related to entertainment, climate control, navigation or information with a button-press and spoken command. If you like staying connected, informed and on course on the move, systems like Sync, NissanConnect and UVO make it simple and stress-free.

Feature: Xenon headlights

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"OnStar advisers can send a tow truck ... or otherwise effectively help drivers handle any distress they may encounter."

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An all-in-one infotainment system like Ford Sync makes it easy to access essentials on the go. CONTRIBUTED

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Maybe it's all the lyrical love artists lavish on the Maybach brand that convinced the folks at Daimler to revive the name for a version of their extra-long wheelbase S-class, after a two-year hiatus prompted by a decade of sputtering sales. The new 2015 Mercedes-Benz Maybach personal limousine is set to go on sale this fall. Here are five of the brand's biggest name-drops to gain a clearer understanding of the Maybach mystique.

BY MIKE DOJC
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Jay Z: Heaven

Lyric: "Y'all religion creates division like my Maybach partition/And God is my chauffeur, boy they love Hova."

Translation: In this nugget from the second single off Magna Carta Holy Grail Jayhova comes down from his mountain and attempts to contrast the strife between sectarian factions with upstairs/downstairs-style wealth inequality. But despite the heavy preaching and biblical rhyme-thumping, the car comes off golden. The main takeaway for listeners is that the place to be is the back-seat of a 'Bach with a chauffeur behind the wheel.

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Maybach musical moments

Childish Gambino: Backpackers

Lyric: "Summer in November I gave everyone a Maybach"

Translation: Actor Donald Glover's (Troy on Community) rhyme-savvy alter ego has spun a layered double entendre here. It could be construed that he's pulling an Oprah and gifting all his fans a brand new car, but there's more to it. This track comes off his debut LP Camp, which was a winter release, but the songs on the album are all about the lazy days of summer. So, what he's simultaneously doing is giving listeners their "May" back.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
There are many things you have wanted to say but held back because you didn't want to upset people. With the Sun changing signs, you have no choice but to speak up. If you don't, it will be you who suffers.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
For the past few weeks, all eyes have been on you and there were times when you wanted to hide. Now you can, for a bit. Sooner or later though, you'll be back in the spotlight.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Everything is right with the world. Or, if it isn't, it soon will be. The Sun moves into your sign today and a new solar year begins. What are your dreams? Now is the time to get serious.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Now that the Sun is moving into the most receptive area of your chart you will find it easier to deal with your sensitive side. For one thing you won't have to pretend that you never need a shoulder to cry on.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Get out and meet people who share your way of looking at things. On an individual level there is only so much you can do, but acting with others all things become possible.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You've been waiting in the shadows. And now is the hour to step out into the world and claim centre stage. The Sun's move into the career area of your chart will encourage you to be more ambitious.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
There will be an obvious change in your mood over the next two or three days. Where before you were high strung and often uptight now you will be relaxed and easygoing.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You seem to have got it into your head that you are entitled to something the world does not seem to want to give you. What happens today will make you realize that you get only what you fight for.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Find ways to get along with people who rub you the wrong way. Like it or not you are going to have to work closely with various individuals over the next few weeks, so forget about your differences.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
As the Sun moves into the work and wellbeing area of your chart today, slow things down — even if it means cutting back on your goals. Getting things done quickly is not as important as getting them done right.

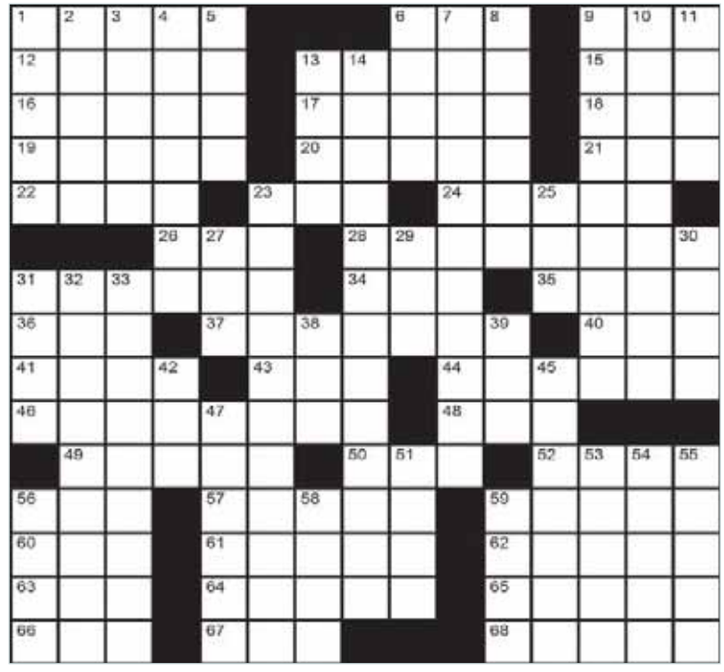
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
All worries of recent weeks will be swept away over the next 24 hours. No matter how difficult things have been for you, you will find new ways to make your dreams come true.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You may not be in the mood to put yourself out for others but someone is in need of your assistance and you'll hate yourself in the long-term if you ignore them. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



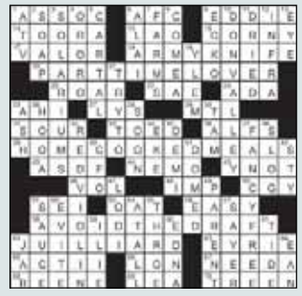
Across

1. Word coined by Tyra Banks for a type of photoshoot expression
6. Wedding doc.
9. ___ TVs
12. __ opposites
13. "Saying it __ __ thing, doing..."
15. Mr. Wallach
16. Cartoon style
17. Victoria, BC-born comedian Mr. Jones
18. Sight: French
19. Ticket remnants
20. Poet T.S.
21. Computer co.
22. Mini message
23. Mauna __ (Hawaiian volcano)
24. David Copperfield's Mr. Heep
26. Scot's refusal
28. James Cameron's gig
31. Stunning
34. Medical pros
35. Actress Elisabeth
36. Skater Midori
37. Designer Isaac
40. Communication syst.
41. 'Sultan' suffixes
43. "__ '_' comes fifth?" (Alphabet-learner's query)
44. Scotland's __ Islands
46. North Vancouver Island village
48. 'Ranch' suffix
49. Ancient Roman dictator
50. "Norma Rae" (1979) actress ...her initials-sharers
52. Mr. Werner
56. Bitty space beings
57. Glass-ceiling lobbies
59. Edgar Poe link
60. "Where __ _ begin?"
61. Subatomic particles
62. Explosive stuff
63. Wrath
64. "All systems __ __!"
65. Donnie Wahlberg's gr.
66. "Shameful!"
67. French possessive
68. 'Mississauga' has four

Down

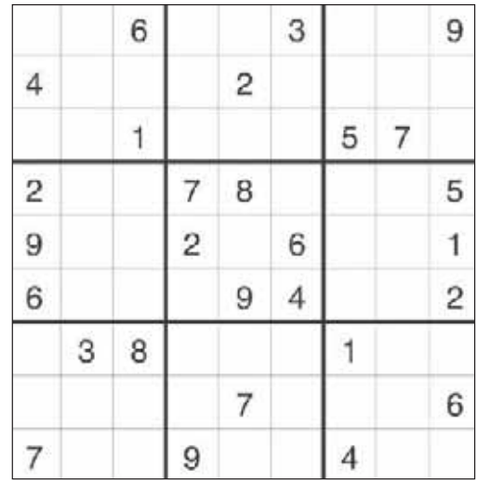
1. Muscle __
2. Del __ (Canned fruit brand)
3. Trojan War's site
4. Hockey game machine
5. '70s Spanish hit: "__ Tu"
6. Ms. Loughlin
7. "...footprints wherever you choose..." goes this Sarah McLachlan song: 3 wds.
8. Middle
9. Canada's Wonderland roller coaster in Vaughan, ON; or, any huge thing
10. Canadian spices, baking products, etc. brand since 1883: 2 wds.
11. Carpe __!
13. 'Thought'-meaning prefix
14. Product for Canadian food brand Renee's: 2 wds.
23. Manitoba __ (Stop on Prince Charles and Camilla's visit to Winnipeg)
25. 'Acrobat' suffix
27. "Gimme __ '_'!" (Start of a cheer for Manitoba)
29. Mr. Gershwin
30. Trust
31. Filmdom's Cameron
32. Witnesses
33. Starring Joely Fisher, 2003 to '05 series on Canadian actor Chris Potter's resume, "__ __: Wild Card"
38. Madhouse
39. Not standard, briefly
42. Mr. Mineo
45. Anton __ Canadian Mustard, since 1948
47. Doubled-lettered-beginning animals
51. Burkina __ (West Africa nation)
53. Choir voices
54. Montreal 'menu'
55. Door accessories
56. Change
58. Some deer
59. Ms. Hathaway

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



Yesterday's Sudoku

9	2	5	3	8	1	6	7	4
3	8	6	4	2	7	9	5	1
7	1	4	5	6	9	8	3	2
8	7	9	2	1	5	3	4	6
5	4	1	6	9	3	2	8	7
2	6	3	7	4	8	1	9	5
4	9	8	1	5	6	7	2	3
1	3	2	9	7	4	5	6	8
6	5	7	8	3	2	4	1	9

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